CIRCULATION OVER A QUARTER OF A MILLION A DAY

THE WEATHER.

For Boston and vicinity: Cloudy, probably with light snow to-night; Tuesday fair; warmer to-night; fresh south to southwest winds.
High water: 8:28 a.m., 8:51 p.m.

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TALES OF PERIL AND SUFFERING IN GREAT STORM

AS THE PEOPLE SEE HIM!

But It Looks to the 70,000 Signers of the Boston American's 80-Cent Gas Petition as if There Might Be an Explosion Soon.

CREW PRAYED SHIP SAVED

Schooner Theresa and Alice, Caught in Gale That Was Driving Her on Minot's Ledge, Escaped by Shift of Wind—Cape Cod Wires All Down.

As a result of the terrific storm that swept along the Atlantic coast the entire Cape Cod section is isolated so far as telephonic and telegraphic communication is concerned, and fifteen vessels are reported to have been driven from their anchorages at Vineyard Haven.

Some of the storm-caught craft have limped into this port covered with ice and snow, and their captains and crews have told thrilling stories of the perils through which they passed.

Captain George Perry, of the fishing schooner Theresa and Alice, believes that he and his crew of sixteen men were saved from death by prayer.

A dispatch from New London to the BOSTON AMERICAN says that the barge Albertus, with 1,700 tons of coal aboard, lies stranded on the south side of Fisher's Island, and it is believed that it will be a total loss.

Capture Death by Prayer.

"I believe that I and my crew of sixteen men were saved from being dashed to death through our prayers made on the deck of the schooner in the blinding storm."

This statement was made to-day by Captain George Perry of the fishing schooner Theresa and Alice when she reached port after a thrilling experience.

The Theresa and Alice was one of the ten schooners caught in the storm half a mile off Scituate and blown out to sea in the early hours of yesterday morning.

There was reverential awe in the captain's voice as he told his story. The storm was at its height at 1:30 o'clock in morning. In the blinding snow they could distinguish nothing except the light of Minot's ledge.

Fervent Prayers Answered.

All realized that the craft was borne inhabitably toward the deadly breakers of the ledge. Death seemed inevitable. In a hoarse voice the skipper cried as he dropped on his knees:

"Pray, men; pray, it is the only thing that is left us."

And out of the storm-tossed sea, kneeling upon the snow-covered deck, Captain Perry and his sixteen men prayed that they might be saved.

They were saved, but how it happened the captain could not explain. If it was by the shift of the wind or by the vessel suddenly responding to her wheel, the captain did not suggest it. He was satisfied that the prayer had been efficacious.

"It was the first time in fourteen years' experience," said Captain Perry, "that I ever ordered a crew to pray. But it was the only thing we could do, and we knelt there and prayed as best we could, every one of us.

"We escaped the rocks—how I do not know. I believe that we were all saved through prayer."

The fishing schooner Fish Hawk, Captain Bly, has arrived at her dock. The storm struck her off Race Point Light at 2 o'clock Sunday morning. The schooner was buffeted about by the high waves and strong wind, and at one time the crew gave up all hope of weathering the gale. In making the harbor, Captain Bly says that he passed several "second sailing" schooners who asked for aid, but the Fish Hawk was in no condition to help them. The Fish Hawk is the schooner which lost six men a week ago off Provincetown.

Completely covered from stem to stern

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Fall River Mill Workers to Indorse Proposal to

ARBITRATE STRIKE

Would Submit Difficulties to a Committee of the Civic Federation.

Leaders Think the Move Will Lead Finally to Settlement With Mill Men.

Special to the Boston American.

FALL RIVER, Dec. 19.—Labor leaders here believe that the agreement of the Textile Council to submit the differences between the strikers and the manufacturers to a committee of the Civic Federation is a move that will lead finally to the settlement of the big strike.

This matter will be laid before a meeting of the operatives to be held to-morrow. After that it is believed that there will be arranged a second meeting between the contending factions, and there is a well-grounded hope that the manufacturers may at this meeting submit a plan for the ending of the conflict.

It is believed that the manufacturers will at least agree to the arbitration plan. In an interview to-day President N. B. Borden, of the Manufacturers' Association, admitted that they were looking into the grievances of the weavers with a view to satisfying them. This admission is regarded as significant by the strike leaders.

Borden Is Optimistic.

"What have you to say about the action of the Textile Council yesterday?" President Borden was asked.

"I don't know what to say about it. I hear they will lay the matter before the operatives to-morrow."

"Is the executive board of the manufacturers empowered to act without further authority from the full body?"

"I can't say as to that."

"Do you understand that the issue now is as to whether the strike shall be settled by arbitration?"

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THREE MEN INJURED IN WORCESTER EXPLOSION

ONE OF THE OSGOOD-BRADLEY FIRE VICTIMS WILL PROBABLY DIE.

Special to the Boston American.

WORCESTER, Dec. 19.—Three men were injured, one probably fatally, by an explosion of gas in the big plant of the Osgood Bradley Car Company, manufacturers of electric cars, on Grafton street, near Washington square, at 9 o'clock to-day.

The injured men are Carl Anderson, who is not expected to recover; James Stanley, who is dangerously burned, both of Worcester, and Joseph H. Letcher, of Providence, who is burned about the face and hands.

Anderson, who is a woodworker, was at work on the second floor of the shaving room, in which the explosion occurred. He was working near a gas jet, next to which was a blow line. In some way the gas in the pipes became ignited, and instantly there was a terrific explosion.

Wall of Building Torn Out.

The wall of the building was torn out and the floor was ripped up, and Anderson, his clothing on fire, was blown through the window into a snowbank. The snow extinguished the flames, saving him from certain death. He was seriously burned and had several bones broken.

Stanley was at work on the first floor on the same side of the building as Anderson. When the explosion occurred, he was hurled against the wall, and a shoal of flame shot into his face. His face, scalp and body were badly burned.

Ambulances were summoned, and the injured men were hurried to the City Hospital, where it was said that Stanley and Letcher were not fatally hurt, but that Anderson would probably die.

Fire Follows Explosion.

The explosion completely wrecked the shaving room, and within a few seconds that whole section of the plant was on fire. Two alarms were sounded, but before the firemen arrived the flames had worked back to the assembling room, in which were a large number of new cars.

The firemen bent all their energies to save these cars and were successful. They changed the course of the fire and the flames ate back to the rear of the plant where a large quantity of lumber was stored. All this lumber was destroyed.

The lumber was stored in a two-story frame building, and it and its contents burned like tinder. Back of this was another building with brick walls which checked the spread of the flames and allowed the firemen to get them under control.

Smoke Was Blinding.

Washington Square and all the surrounding streets were filled with smoke that was

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ADDICKS IN BOSTON; LAWSON SOUNDS A WARNING FOR HIM

STANDARD OIL LEADERS THREATEN LIBEL SUIT ON "FRENZIED FINANCE" PAPERS.

From present indications this is going to be Thomas W. Lawson's busy week.

John D. Rockefeller has broken his Sphinx-like silence as a result of Mr. Lawson's "Frenzied Finance" articles.

James R. Keene, the nerviest speculator in Wall street, is furious over Mr. Lawson's statement that he made "wash" sales in Amalgamated to the extent of $29,000,000, and the State street anhor-financier expects to hear from the great bull leader.

J. Edward O'Sullivan Addicks is in Boston, registered at the Touraine, and Mr. Lawson declares that if Addicks comes to see him he will send him back to New York on the first train.

Attorneys Untermeyer and Beck, representing H. H. Rogers and other Standard Oil men, have warned the American News Company not to distribute the January number of Everybody's Magazine, containing Mr. Lawson's "Frenzied Finance," under penalty of being held for criminal libel.

"ISSUE IS PLEDGED."

Mr. Lawson was notified by the publishers and issued this statement:

"At last the issue is pledged, and the American people will know the truth. The American News Company and its officers, who act as distributors for Everybody's Magazine in every nook and corner of the United States, have been formally notified to-day by Attorneys Untermyer and Beck, representing Henry H. Rogers and others, that they will be held for criminal libel if they distribute the January issue of Everybody's without eliminating my story, 'Frenzied Finance: the Crime of Amalgamated.' The American News Company has notified the publishers of Everybody's, and the publishers have just notified me. I repeat, it is now up to the American people—the people against the wreckers, or, to be technically correct, the 'system' against the American people.

As I said to Colonel Greene at our meeting the other day, as the very air is full of four-inched guns, it behooves sensible men to get out their antidotes for rarities.

THOMAS W. LAWSON.

Mr. Rockefeller's comment upon the "Frenzied Finance" articles was made in the vestibule of the Fifth Avenue Baptist Church in New York, where his son teaches a Sunday school class. As the wreckful of magnate was entering the church he was met by a member of young Mr. Rockefeller's Bible class.

The young man took a copy of a "Frenzied Finance" article from his pocket, and, addressing Mr. Rockefeller, said:

"I have been reading about 'Frenzied Finance,' and wonder how much of it is true and how much fiction," said the young man.

Creating Dissatisfaction.

Rockefeller placed his hand on the young man's shoulder and spoke these words slowly, earnestly:

"It is a good idea to be as careful of your reading as of your associates. Some writers create a condition for which there is no cause, a condition that may suit their own purposes, a condition that does harm to others and no good to themselves.

"I remember when I was a boy I used to drive about the country and buy wool. One year we got angry because I would not pay him a good price for a quantity of stuff which was almost valueless. I told some of the other farmers that had good wool for sale that I was an injury to their business, and it would be better not to deal with them. We were sensible men and thought for themselves, and I bought their wool from them.

"The junk wool man was indulging in 'Frenzied Finance,' simply creating dissatisfaction and doing no good.

"Good morning, young gentlemen. I hope you will have a merry Christmas."

Keene Wrote One Letter.

The week opened with James R. Keene denying that he ever had the pleasure of Mr. Lawson's acquaintance, and then later admitting that he did write one letter to him, but that it contained he cannot now remember.

Leased wire dispatches to the BOSTON AMERICAN from New York are to the effect that Mr. Keene was unable to find the copy of the letter owing to yesterday being Sunday. If Mr. Keene is unable to find the letter, it is expected in Wall street that Lawson will publish it.

Mr. Lawson's charge against Keene, one of the greatest manipulators of the market ever known to Wall street, is that he "washed" sales in Amalgamated Copper stock to the extent of $29,000,000.

The Boston financier asserts that he can prove the statement by a six-page, hand written, perusal letter to Miss Ivy Keene. The firm of Flower & Co., of New York, are given as having conducted the transaction.

When shown the charges in New York, Mr. Keene made the following statement:

"I don't know Lawson. I would not know him if I saw him. I won't discuss the matter."

Later he issued a second statement, reading as follows:

"Mr. Keene says that, to-day being Sunday, he was unable to get a copy of the only letter he has ever written to Mr. Lawson. Mr. Keene expects that in the circumstances Mr. Lawson will at once publish it; otherwise Mr. Keene will do so himself."

Asked Flower of the firm of Flower & Co. declined to-day to say whether or not Mr. Keene ever had any dealings with his firm.

CRAIG FOR LYNN POSTMASTER

Special to the Boston American.

LYNN, Dec. 19.—George F. Craig received this telegram to-day from Senator Lodge:

"I have decided to recommend Senator William F. Craig for appointment as postmaster of Lynn."

William F. Craig is a staunch Republican. He served two terms as Representative to the General Court, then was elected to the State Senate in 1903 and re-elected this Fall.

He was born in Nova Scotia and has lived in Lynn several years. He is a manufacturing chemist, is married and lives on Essex street.

HATCH PLOT IN ENGLAND AGAINST LIFE OF CZAR

MANCHESTER, Eng., Dec. 19.—The Dispatch reports that Russian secret agents have discovered a plot against the Czar, which was originated in England.

Two men who were suspected of having a connection with the plot left the country hurriedly on the capture of incriminating correspondence by the police.

It is feared they will reach Russia, where, because of the unrest, great difficulty will be experienced in locating them.

NEW ENGLAND COAST RAVAGED BY BIG BLIZZARD

WILDEST NIGHT IN MANY YEARS OFF CAPE COD

Heroic Rescues by Life Savers in Blinding Snow and Fierce Gale.

MANY CREWS ARE SAVED

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with a heavy coating of ice, the Admiral Farragut, Captain Hendsley, of the United Fruit Company, arrived from Jamaica five hours late. The Farragut carried six passengers.

Captain Henshaw said to-day that the storm struck his vessel at 2 o'clock Sunday morning, when between Nantucket and Cape Cod. The Admiral Farragut was blown out to sea by the extreme force of the gale, and was completely at the mercy of the wind and waves for several hours.

Off Cape Cod, the Admiral Farragut passed several fishing schooners at anchor. The schooners were all flying any signals of distress, and although Captain Henshaw signalled to them inquiring whether they wanted any assistance, no signals were shown in return.

Not since November, 1898, has the southern coast of New England, from New London to Cape Cod, experienced such a terrific storm as that of Saturday night and Sunday.

For ten hours a sixty-mile gale drove great clouds of snow along the coast, making it absolutely impossible for navigators to tell their positions and forcing them to rely on dead reckoning to avoid the many shoals and places of danger.

So far no loss of life has been reported, but it is feared that some of the vessels that were out in the gale will never be heard from again, or, if they are, will report members of their crews as missing.

Fifteen Vessels Ashore.

Vineyard Haven was the storm centre. Fifteen schooners that sought safety in the harbor found that there was no protection there. The gale swept down from the northeast and tore the vessels from their moorings, driving them through a fleet of forty vessels that had anchored earlier and against the opposite shore.

The schooner Bethesay from St. John, N. B., for New York, is ashore on Gay Head Cliffs, about half a mile from the light. She is in an exposed position and part of her cargo of laths will have to be lightered before she can be floated.

The schooner Flyaway dragged her anchor and went ashore at the east side of the harbor. The John J. Perry, from Rockland for New York, dragged afoul of the O. J. Meianson. The McInnson's bowsprit and gear and her foremast were carried away and she was so badly damaged about the bows that repairs are needed before she can sail. The Perry was slightly damaged.

Schooners Drift and Crash.

The schooner A. Heaton, Rockland to New York, found in the Vineyard and, carrying away the latter's bowsprit and gear. The Heaton lost her mainboom, the quarter was damaged, her deck planks carried away and a boat smashed. The Rhoda Holmes and the Eva May came together, the latter losing her bowsprit and being damaged about the bows, and the former being badly smashed up forward.

The Francona was driven high up on the beach and is leaking badly. Part of her cargo will be discharged before she can be floated. The Hortensia, from Lloyds Neck, for Boston, joined the Lucinda Gardner for New York, breaking the spanker boom and smashing the davits and one boat on each former. The Lodusia, from New York for McKinley, Me., is ashore and lighters will be used before she can be dragged off.

The Edna, New York for Calais, fouled the Ellen M. Mitchell, New York for Boston, and both were badly smashed up.

The tug Lackawanna, with two barges, was spoken off Nobska. Her engines were disabled and she was in and making water.

Three coal barges which the tug Shawsheen towed across Massachusetts Bay were under water for hours, and when the snow still filled the bow was off Marshfield, whither the captain of the tug had run, not daring to make for Boston Harbor.

The snowfall in Boston was light in comparison with that on the South Shore, but the wind was high in the harbor, and there was danger to many vessels which stretched at their cables as the gusts struck their sides, and it was feared that there would be a number of wrecks.

LEAKING SHIP TOWED TO BOSTON BY THE GRESHAM

The revenue cutter Gresham brought the big four-masted schooner J. C. Strawbridge up the harbor, and grounded her on South Boston flats to prevent her from filling and going to the bottom. She had nine feet of water in her hold when the cutter happened along and took her in tow.

The Strawbridge left Wilmington, C., December 7, with a cargo of railroad ties for the Boston and Maine. She struck bottom somewhere in Vineyard sound, and when she came off she was found to be leaking seriously.

The crew worked madly at the pumps, and the water gained in spite of all their efforts.

The flag was placed union down to attract passing steam vessels, and shortly after the revenue cutter Gresham came along. She was on her way to Boston for the first time, to take the place of the Algonquin. The revenue cutter drew close to the schooner and found she already had eight feet of water in her hold.

This was off Nauset, and the cutter towed the vessel the rest of the way to Boston. Saturday night a heavy gale with snow struck the two vessels, and it would have fared ill with the Strawbridge if the schooner had the cutter not had her in tow. She will be towed into port to-day and taken to her discharging berth.

NARROW ESCAPES OF OCEAN LINERS OFF SANDY HOOK

NEW YORK, Dec. 19.—The transatlantic steamers which were between Sandy Hook and Nantucket lightship had a hard time in the storm, several of them having narrow escapes from going ashore. Those which reached the Hook after the cessation of the storm reported that the snow was blinding and the seas terrific.

The storm on Long Island Sound was so severe that practically all of the steamers were obliged to put into harbor at one point or another.

During the storm the hull of the steamer Long Island, which was burned off Groton, Conn., went down, and lies in twenty feet of water.

WESSELHOEFT FUNERAL PLANS

The funeral services of the late Dr. Conrad Wesselhoeft, the distinguished physician, who died Saturday night after an active career of forty-eight years, will be held to-morrow in the Church of the Disciples at 1:30 o'clock. The pastor of the church, Rev. Charles G. Ames, will be in charge of the ceremonies.

SURE TO CURE COLDS.
Chills, grip and simple fevers is Bartley's Gingerbud of gingers. He sells you get Bartley's. ***

CREDITORS IN COURT TO-DAY SEEK LIGHT ON MRS. CHADWICK'S JEWELS

MME. DEVERE.

IDENTIFYING MRS. CHADWICK AS DE VERE.

The portrait is that of the noted adventuress who was recognized in the person of Mrs. Chadwick, in her cell in Cleveland jail, by acquaintances of the woman.

Will Try to Get From Witnesses Knowledge of Location of Valuables.

CLEVELAND, Ohio, Dec. 19.—To-day Mrs. Cassie L. Chadwick's creditors will have their first opportunity to locate her property, including the wealth of jewels she is supposed to have. Her son, Emil Hoover, and her maid, Freda Swansturm, will be questioned by the referee of bankruptcy. Counsel for the creditors are doubtful of getting much information of value.

Mrs. Chadwick's attorney says that he will decline to allow her to give any testimony.

Mrs. Chadwick is being attended by Dr. Wall, the jail physician. He said she was still very weak and nervous, but was improving.

Receiver Loeser says that he has arranged to insure for $50,000 the Chadwick property in his possession.

Cheered by His Return.

Mrs. Chadwick early to-day heard that her husband has sailed from Europe en route home. It seemed to cheer her.

"He will straighten it all out," she said. "I knew he would come back and when he reaches here some of the people who have caused me all this trouble will have to pay for their work."

Having said this she sank back to her couch exhausted, for so great has been the strain through which the woman has passed that she is in a precarious condition. The nervous, mental and physical breakdown has had its effect upon her heart and she has been subject to serious fainting spells.

Chadwick Less Constantly Attended.

Government officials and matrons are in constant attendance upon her. Emil does not try to reach the bedside of his mother to show her the constant attention that characterized his conduct when in New York.

Locked up together with Mrs. Chadwick Sunday is a woman, Mrs. Fannie Fox, who is suspected of being insane. The two struck a sympathetic chord and got along together very nicely.

On account of the presence of Mrs. Fox no attempt was made to prevent her interviews in the woman's department of the jail, and Cassie Chadwick was not compelled to take part in exercises observant of the Sabbath.

OIL SHIP BLOWS UP AT SEA; 4 DEAD; 4 HURT

NEW YORK, Dec. 19.—Four men were killed and four others seriously injured in the explosion of the big Standard Oil Company's barge off the New Jersey coast. A tug arrived at midnight with the wounded men. Her captain reported that the fire on the barge had started with an explosion of boilers.

The dead are: Captain G. P. Stokes; A. Salt, engineer; D. Brant, fireman; seaman, name unknown.

The injured are: T. Peterson, mate; O. Larsen, cook; J. Sabo, seaman; seaman, name and known.

The barge, which was No. 91 of the company's fleet, was loaded with 1,000,000 gallons of oil, and was bound for Philadelphia. The explosion blew up the deck, and in a few seconds the whole vessel was in flames.

The Standard immediately put back to the barge and picked up the survivors from the water. Some of them were floating about on broken timber.

3 HURT IN FIRE AT WORCESTER

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so dense that pedestrians could hardly see their way. All the electric car lines from Grafton, Millbury, Westboro, North Grafton, the Blackstone Valley and Branchville are blocked, and the trains on the Boston & Albany railroad were unable to run.

The Bradley plant, which covers about an acre, is directly beside the Boston & Albany tracks, and the smoke was so dense the engineers did not dare to run through.

The Worcester station was filled with smoke and the occupants of the waiting room ran to the street, believing that the station was on fire.

A special detail of police was dispatched to the scene with the two ambulances from the Main street station. Washington square and the adjoining streets were hurriedly roped off and the crowds driven back out of danger.

John E. Bradley, president of the corporation, said to a BOSTON AMERICAN reporter: "I cannot tell what the loss will be until I have had a chance to examine the books. I do not know just how much stock there was in the building, nor how badly damaged the new cars in the assembling room were. The loss will easily reach $30,000, and may go much higher."

SHAW STRUCK BY CAR; BARELY ESCAPES DEATH

Secretary of the Treasury Picked Up by Fender and Carried 30 Feet.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19.—Secretary of the Treasury Shaw had a narrow escape from death or serious injury to-day as he was crossing the street in front of his department. Car No. 25 of the Capital Traction Company, proceeding westward, struck the Secretary, but luckily the fender worked promptly and picked him up. He was carried twenty-five or thirty feet and escaped uninjured.

The favorite newspaper in every New England home—the BOSTON SUNDAY AMERICAN.

WARRANTS OUT FOR ARRESTS IN CASE OF SHUTA

Action Taken as Result of Finding Buckshot in Dead Man's Brain.

NASHUA, Dec. 19.—On the report of Medical Referee James F. Greeley that buckshot was found in the brain pan of John Shuta, whose body was found in the woods last Friday with part of the head blown off, warrants have been issued for the arrest of Joseph and Stanislaus Bertig, who were Shuta's companions on the hunting trip that ended in his death.

The report of the autopsy was filed with County Solicitor Edward H. Wason, who applied for the warrants. Descriptions of the Bertigs have been sent to European police, so that if the men have sailed from this country they may be caught. It is said that Shuta had a Russian passport, which is missing, and it is believed that the Bertigs took it.

AMALGAMATED IS OFF AGAIN

The stock market opened firm, recovering most of the decline made towards the close on Saturday. Subsequently prices advanced further, but towards 11 o'clock reaction in most stocks was noted, Amalgamated being the heaviest loser at 1¾ points from highest.

The U. S. Steel shares were well maintained at strong level. London was a very large seller of these stocks.

NEW YORK STOCKS.

	Opening.	1 p.m.
Amalgamated Copper	67¾	66¾
American Car & Fdy	32¾	32¾
American Locomotive	37¾	37¾
American Smelting	101	101
American Sugar	140	140
Baltimore & Ohio	100¾	100¾
Brooklyn Rapid Transit	71¾	71¾
Canadian Pacific	150	150
Chesapeake & Ohio	47	47
Chicago, Great Western	21¾	21¾
Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul	167	167
Colorado Fuel & Iron	45	45
Delaware & Hudson	177	177
Erie	37¾	37¾
Erie 1st pref	67¾	67¾
Erie 2d pref	51¾	51¾
Louisville & Nashville	144¾	144¾
Manhattan Elevated	160¾	160¾
Metropolitan	151	151
Mexican Central	20¾	20¾
Missouri Pacific	100	100
N. Y. & Y. Texas	37	37
N. Y. Central	137¾	137¾
N. Y., Ontario & Western	43¾	43¾
Pennsylvania	136¾	136¾
People's Gas	107	107
Reading	87¾	87¾
Rock Island	32	32
Rock Island, Pacific	75¾	75¾
Southern Railway	29¾	29¾
St. Paul	170¾	170¾
St. Paul, Minn. & Man.	176	176
Texas Pacific	34¾	34¾
Union Pacific	110¾	110¾
Union Pacific, pf	94	94
U. S. Leather	10¾	10¾
U. S. Leather pfd	90	90
U. S. Steel	30¾	30¾
U. S. Steel pfd	92¾	92¾
Wabash	22¾	22¾
Wabash pfd	42¾	43¾
Western Union	84	84

BOSTON STOCKS.

	Opening.	1 p.m.
Adventure	8¼	8¼
Allouez	18	18
Amalgamated	67¼	67¼
Am. Air Ch.	27	27
American Telephone	143½	143½
American Sugar	141½	141½
American Woolen	21½	21½
American Woolen pref	93¼	93¼
Bingham	34¾	34¾
Boston & Albany	252	252
Boston Elevated	153	153
Boston & Maine	173½	173½
Calumet & Hecla	645	645
Copper Range	67	66
Daly West	12	12
Dominion Iron	18½	18½
Franklin	11	11
Granby	3¾	3¾
Guanajuato	3⅝	3⅝
Isle Royale	25½	26
Mass. Electric	14	14
Mass. Electric preferred	56	56½
Mass. Gas	38	38
Mass. Gas preferred	80¼	80¼
Montana Coal	5	5
N. Y., N. H. & H.	198	198
Old Colony R. R.	204	204
Osceola	87	87
Rutland preferred	70	70
Shannon	8¾	8¾
Shoe Machinery	50	50
Shoe Machinery preferred	39¾	39¾
Swift & Co.	112¾	112¾
Tamarack	158	158
Trinity	14	14
United States Steel	31¼	31¼
United States Steel pref.	92¾	92¾
Utah Copper	110¼	110¼
Utah & Pacific	178	178
Winona	41¾	41¾
Wolverine	105	105

CONSUMPTIVES' HOME URGED

The establishment of a hospital for consumptives in or near Boston is urged by Hon. A. Shuman, president of the board of trustees of the Boston City Hospital, who, because of his identification with hospital work, has had his attention called to the necessity for fighting the white plague.

For a Cold on the Lungs, and to prevent Pneumonia, take Piso's Cure. All druggists. ***

REV. MR. LONG REGAINS SIGHT

STAMFORD, Dec. 19.—Complete restoration of sight to his right eye, the only one he has used for years, is now practically assured to the Rev. William J. Long, the noted naturalist, who was stricken with total blindness three weeks ago while lecturing at Emmanuel Church, Boston.

Years ago Dr. Long lost the sight of his left eye under almost identical conditions, but science was powerless in that case.

POLICE SEARCH LANDS BOOTY

Special to the Boston American.

PAWTUCKET, Dec. 19.—The result of their search of the home of Mary and Reta Roberts, of No. 63 Fountain street, Central Falls, who were caught in the act of shoplifting in a Pawtucket store, amazed the police. They found articles from every department of a large store, ranging from whole cuts of dress goods, men's suits and overcoats, to meat grinders, laces, jewelry and ribbons, the value of which will amount to hundreds of dollars.

THE DAYLIGHT STORE
GILCHRIST CO
BOSTON'S FASTEST GROWING DEPT STORE
WASHINGTON STREET THROUGH TO WINTER STREET

TUESDAY
Double Stamp Day

The thoughts of Gift Giving are rife in the hearts of all who realize the near approach of Xmas—that most of all delightful of all seasons of the year.

There's only a few more days left, so don't forbid that pleasure in choosing now.

For Tuesday we will give Double Legal Stamps during the entire day—throughout the balance of the week Double Legal Stamps will be given from 8:30 until 12 o'clock noon.

Open Evenings All This Week

500 Historic Plates of Boston, Worth 50c each—at Choice, 25c

Among the lot are such views as the Old State House, Faneuil Hall, Bunker Hill Monument, Boston Common, Boston Massacre, Trinity Church, Paul Revere's Ride, Art Museum, and the New State House. We place these 50c. Plates on sale Tuesday and will sell the entire lot as long as they last, at choice, each.... 25c

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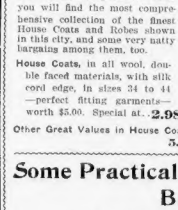

Something useful, pretty and inexpensive, can be chosen from our splendid stock of Aprons, Scarfs and Shams—and best of all, something that the recipient will appreciate and admire for days and months to come. You will find our prices reasonably low throughout—we are doing all we can to make your pennies in this department count double by keeping the prices down. Here is just a hint of the varieties—

Aprons at 25c
Fancy Hemstitched Bretelle, Dainty Hemstitched, with Tucks, Fine Lawn with Hamburg Trimming, Large Plain Nurses' Aprons, Etc.

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Fine Lawn, with dainty flounces, Insertion Trimmed and Tucked, Extra Fine Bretelle—Insertion Trimmed Extra Large Plain Aprons—with Pockets, Dainty Tea Aprons, Etc.

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Fancy Bretelles, Fine Hemstitched, tucked, with ruffles. Fancy Insertions, with tucks, Fine Lawn Tea Aprons, Etc.

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Cut work and empire designs, the very newest patterns, at 25c, 50c, 75c, 1.00, up to 3.00 each. Two Lots Drummers' Samples, Scarfs and shams, worth 29c., for..... 19c
Scarfs and Shams, worth 75c., for..... 69c

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DEATHS.

WESSELHOEFT—In Newton Centre, Dec. 17, Conrad Wesselhoeft, M. D., aged 70 years 8 months 24 days. Funeral services at the Church of the Disciples, Warren av, corner of West Brookline street, Boston, Tuesday, at 1:30 p. m. Relatives and friends invited to attend. Interment Forest Hills cemetery.

JAP SHIPS GO AFTER RUSSIANS

Togo's Squadron Sails to Smash Ships of the Baltic Squadron.

SCOUTS OUT IN SEARCH

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19.—Japan has already dispatched a powerful fleet of forty warships to meet and destroy the Russian Baltic squadron.

This information is regarded here as authentic, coming as it does to the government from the American minister at Tokio.

This sudden and dramatic move on the part of the Mikado's navy, it is believed, will result in surprising the Russian fleet before it is mobilized and ready for the enemy, and thus duplicate the other naval engagements of the war in one of the greatest sea battles of modern times.

The cable received by the Government from the American Minister at Tokio reads:

"A Japanese fleet of forty vessels passed Pescadores Islands yesterday, going south. This report has been confirmed here."

The Pescadores Islands lie just south of Formosa.

At this moment the Baltic fleet is divided. Admiral Folkersham's division, comprising twenty ships, has entered the Indian ocean, having been last reported at Jibuti. Admiral Rojestvensky's detachment, fifteen ships or more, is believed to be in the vicinity of the Cape of Good Hope, having sailed around Africa.

The place agreed upon by the Russians to concentrate is believed to be the Chagos group of island, south of India. Naval experts here figure that the Czar's officers expected to mobilize the armada about January 4.

TO CHECK FLEETS UNION.

This unexpected move on the world's chess board by the Mikado is declared here to be certain to surprise the Russians and compel a hurried change of plans.

Several American admirals last night, and desiring to be quoted directly, pointed out that the swift moving Japanese hope by this sudden dash to prevent the coalition of the enemy's squadrons. The Russians were allowed to get so far apart that the continent of Africa separated them.

Various foreign merchantmen have reported seeing the splendid Japanese battleship Mikasa and other vessels, entirely repainted, repaired and in the best of fighting trim, off Nagasaki, the great naval depot of Japan.

These vessels are manned by experienced fighters and are considered, therefore, to have a great advantage over the untried Russian complements.

SWIFT ARMED SCOUTS.

The total of forty Japanese ships, it was explained by a noted American naval officer last night, shows that it includes armed merchantmen of high speed to act as scouts, colliers, carrying a vast reserve supply of coal, and provision ships.

In all likelihood the Japanese will seize a base in one of the many harbors of the Indian ocean and make the dash to cut off the Russian reinforcements.

Another connection here in official circles is that the Japanese will not try to meet Rojestvensky in the strait of Malacca.

ANNIHILATION OR FLIGHT.

One of the naval experts said last night: "If it true that the Japanese fleet has sailed in fighting force south of Formosa, only two things can happen—the Russian Baltic fleet will be annihilated on the east coast of Asia, south of Formosa, or it will sail back as soon as the Japanese have notified it of the presence of such a formidable Japanese adversary. I believe it will be shown that Japan has withdrawn many of her best ships from Port Arthur and Vladivostok, and that in the Formosa fleet she really has a battleship and cruiser squadron which alone is able to smash the Baltic squadrons, even when combined."

SAYS JAPS LOST 22,000 MEN IN THE METRE HILL FIGHT

LONDON, Dec. 19.—In the uninterrupted and desperate assault on 203-Metre Hill, which lasted from the Chevsenbye holidays, Dec. 10, General Stoessel reports that the Japanese lost 22,000 men.

Commander Mizuuoff, an officer of the battleship Petropavlovsk, was killed in the leg during the Metre Hill battle, reached Chefoo with dispatches on December 16. In speaking of the slaughter of the Metre Hill fight he placed the Japanese loss at 12,000. Russian reports of the fighting say that hundreds of Japanese wounded were buried alive by their comrades in the haste and confusion during the five-hour armistice for the burial of the dead.

KING AND KAISER WORKING FOR PEACE IN THE FAR EAST

Special Cable to Boston American.

LONDON, Dec. 19.—Despite embassy denials that will follow the publication of the AMERICAN'S cablegram, England and Germany have begun endeavors to mediate in the war in Orient. The Czar, the Kaiser and King Edward have full knowledge of the steps already taken.

To-day the British Cabinet will meet. The conference is extraordinary, because it was summoned after all the ministers had left town for the Christmas holidays.

Efforts at mediation are more hopeful now than they were a few months ago, when similar overtures were made. The AMERICAN learns that Japan has intimated unofficially that she will not press for a money indemnity from Russia in the event that there is an immediate cessation of hostilities.

HAIR TONIC FOR SENATORS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19.—A statement of the goods held in store by the Sergeant-at-Arms of the United States Senate shows some interesting articles. In the list are: Thirty-three bottles of cologne, seventeen tea sets, sixty-nine funeral regalias, seventy-six bath brushes, three gallons alcohol, two cakes shaving soap, seventy nail brushes, twelve bottles hair tonic and eight lemon squeezers.

MUSCLE-ACHES, BONE-ACHES, Nerve-aches, caused by colds, chills and grippe, cured by Sanford's Ginger, always healthful.

NAN PATTERSON TO TELL THE JURY TO-DAY STORY OF YOUNG'S DEATH

NAN PATTERSON'S WORST ORDEAL.

Mrs. "Caesar" Young identifying warning letter sent her husband, it is alleged, by Nan Patterson's sister. The accused "Floradora" girl is seen facing the witness in court.

Nan Patterson Tells Prison Friends She Will Be Free and Home Christmas

Oh, how happy I will be Christmas. I am going to be free then. I feel certain of it. I hope I can go on the stand and tell my story of the awful scene in that cab. I can convince them of my innocence of the terrible charge they have made against me. I am going to be acquitted, I know.

—Statement by Nan Patterson made in her cell in the Tombs.

COUNSEL STARTS DEFENCE, AND ACCUSED WILL BE ITS STRONGEST POINT.

NEW YORK, Dec. 19.—Nan Patterson will go on the witness stand and tell the story of her relations with Caesar Young and all the circumstances which led up to the bookmaker's death. Ten witnesses have been supoenaed by the defence and they will be called to the stand to-day to refute the prosecution's case.

When it became noised about the criminal courts building to-day that the young actress would tell her story to the jury there was a rush to get into Justice Davis's court, and the court officers were overwhelmed by applications, demands and supplications for admittance.

Miss Patterson has been insistent to her counsel that she be permitted to testify, and when it was decided to put in a defense unconscious use was given to her plea that she might take the witness chair. Counsel said to-day that she might go on the stand this afternoon.

A Sensational Incident.

The appearance of Nan Patterson on the stand promises to be the most sensational part of this very sensational trial.

The closest friends of the actress were anxious that she should tell her own story. They are confident that an entirely new explanation, and a very satisfactory one, will be developed as to how Caesar Young met his death.

These friends believe that Nan Patterson will admit the revolver with which Young was shot was hers; that it was the one which she and J. Morgan Smith purchased the night before in a pawnshop, and that she had taken it with her on that fatal ride in the cab hoping to induce Young not to desert her and flee to Europe, as he was preparing to do.

Died While Scuffling.

They say that she will tell of her plan to threaten to kill herself with the revolver if she found she could not prevent Young's departure; that she drew the revolver, that Young interfered, and that in the scuffle for the weapon it was discharged and the bullet pierced Young's body.

Nan Patterson is so confident of being acquitted that she has declared that she had spent her last Sunday in the Tombs. She says she feels sure she will spend Christmas at her old home.

Her confidence has spread to the prison attendants and several of them have subscribed to a fund to lay a present for her when she is discharged.

Greets Father Tenderly.

Miss Patterson came into court dressed in her deep black dress. She greeted her father affectionately. The roll call completed, Justice Davis said:

"Mr. Levy."

"May it please your Honor," said Mr. Levy, "in accordance with the promise made last Friday, we will waive the presentment of our case. Miss Fox-[illegible] take the stand."

Miss Fox-Townsend, the first witness for the defence, said she was formerly employed as a telephone girl at the St. Paul Hotel. She worked there last June.

She said she knew Miss Patterson as an occupant of the hotel.

"I saw the defendant at 7.50 in the evening of June 3," said the witness.

"Do you have a record of messages received at the hotel?"

"Yes, many of outgoing messages."

"What did the defendant say to you?"

"That she expected a message from Caesar Young, and if he called to tell him she would be at Healy's."

"Was there a message?"

"Yes."

"What was the message?"

"I object. If this witness can say that she knows the message was from "Caesar" Young I have no objection." said Prosecutor Rand.

Message from Young.

Objection was overruled, and the witness said a man's voice said:

"This is Mr. Young," and that she told Young that Miss Patterson would meet him at Healey's. Miss Townsend said that later Miss Patterson returned to the hotel and she gave her Young's message.

Miss Townsend was excused.

At this point the Earl of Suffolk was ushered quietly into the court and was invited to sit at the bench. He took a deep interest in the proceedings.

HEROIC GIRL RESCUES TWO FROM FIRE

Carries Boy to Safety, Then Rushes Back and Saves Life of Baby.

MELROSE HOUSE BURNED

Miss Edith C. Adams, sixteen years old, rescued two children from the burning home of her uncle, Herbert Adams, on Albine street, Melrose Highlands, before day-light to-day. To escape with one she was compelled to smash a door open into the adjoining apartment.

Herbert Adams, getting up early, went to the parlor, and in attempting to light a lamp dropped it. In a moment the parlor was a mass of flames, that quickly reached the upper floor, where Mrs. Adams, her four children and Miss Edith C. Adams, her sister-in-law, were asleep.

Quick Dash to Safety.

Dashing up the stairs, Mr. Adams aroused the family. He grabbed Victor, a boy one year of age, and Mrs. Adams ran down the stairs with a three months' old baby in her arms. Miss Edith Adams carried Arnold, a three-year-old boy down.

"Where is Ruth?" cried the frightened mother, making a frantic search for her twelve-year-old daughter.

"Up stairs; I'll get her," said Edith, and the plucky girl dashed into the burning building and up to the second floor. By this time the upper rooms were filled with smoke and the flames had burned through the floor.

Flames Bar Path.

Miss Adams found the sleeping child and gathered her in her arms. When she reached the head of the stairway she was horrified to find that her exit by that means had been cut off. The flames roared up the stairway. The girl did not lose her head, but through the blinding smoke and in the darkness she remembered a door which she remembered opened into the adjoining home, occupied by C. W. Crockett.

The door was locked. The girl laid the child down, and finding a chair smashed the door open. Picking the child up again she made her escape without injury through the Crockett house.

None of the members of the family was injured. The household effects of the Adamses were destroyed, the damage being estimated at about $1,000.

HOPE TO SETTLE FALL RIVER STRIKE

Continued from First Page.

"That is as I understand it."

"Has the Manufacturers' Association repudiated the agreement?"

"It has taken no action on it."

"Is the executive board averse to it?"

"It has not expressed itself on the matter."

"Did you at the former conference say that you would submit the question of trouble with the weavers if the main issue of the strike was settled upon?"

"We said that we would look into their grievances and endeavor to satisfy them."

"Is a plan now being worked upon by the manufacturers to that end?"

"I believe so."

To Equalize Weavers' Pay.

"What is the plan?"

"To equalize the weavers' pay per loom."

"How can that be done when some of the looms have big bobbins, some the stop motion and some not?"

"Those are the details they are working upon."

"Is there any plan under consideration for the resuming looking to the unveiling of the general strike situation?"

"Well, I can not tell you as to that."

"Do you think there is no such plan in contemplation?"

"I am not in a position to tell you that."

"Does it look like another conference between the manufacturers and the strikers?"

"Perhaps you can judge as to that."

In this interview President Borden has been more optimistic regarding a settlement of the trouble than in any other interview since the strike began.

Following are the resolutions adopted at yesterday's meeting of the Textile Council:

The Strikers' Proposal.

"Whereas, believing in the justice of our cause and always favoring the good principle of arbitration, therefore, and

"Whereas, realizing that a continuance of the long and protracted struggle is detrimental to the best interests of our city, be it

"Resolved, That we submit the whole proposition to the members of our respective unions, being fully convinced with the one submitted to the executive council of the Cotton Manufacturers' Association.

All efforts having failed to effect a satisfactory settlement of the strike existing in our city, we agree to submit the whole subject matter in dispute to a board of arbitration to be chosen by the National Civic Federation from its executive board, and agree to accept their decision as final."

To Vote Tuesday.

Meetings of the unions have been called for 10:30 Tuesday. It will require a two-thirds vote to accept the proposition. In order that no time may be lost a meeting of the Textile Council has been called for Tuesday afternoon, at which the result of the vote will be announced.

At the conference between the manufacturers and the representatives of the men on Saturday the matter of arbitration was broached, and there was nothing said to indicate that the mill owners would not accept the proposition. Governor Crane is to be the only member of the committee of arbitration appointed Saturday who did not favor the proposition.

Golden's Statement.

John Golden in a statement issued on behalf of the council said:

"We are willing to make some concessions, and we thought the manufacturers were also willing, but they seem to still be of one mind and bent upon cutting down wages. We think that we have agreed upon a fair proposition. Arbitration is one of the greatest factors in a struggle of this kind. We say to the manufacturers: 'Here, we are willing to refer this whole matter to an outside board of arbitration. We believe that our cause is just, and that it is so strong that we are not afraid to present our case before any fair minded board.'

"If the board decides that the manufacturers are justified in cutting down wages, they will be willing to abide by the decision. If, on the other hand, they decide that the wages should be restored to what they were before the strike, and that the manufacturers are not justified in their action in cutting down, it would be only fair for the manufacturers to abide by the decision. I think the operatives will accept the amendment to the National Civic Federation and will agree to stand by its decision, whatever it may be."

APPEAL FOR LITTLE ONES OF FALL RIVER

That the children of the Fall River mill workers may not feel that Santa Claus is a myth and the Christmas festival means laughter, an appeal is being sent out for contributions of toys, clothing, games, anything which will make the holiday season brighter for the children. For months the children of Fall River strikers have had an experience with want and hunger and deprivation which has taught them lessons in self sacrifice and suffering which were never intended to come into the life of any child.

They have gone hungry many times, and often they have been cold. They have known the bitterness of poverty first hand and the lack of sufficient clothing to protect them from the wintry winds.

Hard to See Children Suffer.

"It is almost beyond the pale of us to suffer," declared one of a group of men as they looked over the situation, "but to see the youngsters forgotten at Christmas is more than I can stand." It was the beginning of the appeal which is now issued from Fall River.

The local corps of the Salvation Army will gather a Christmas tree for all little children, on the Monday afternoon, before Christmas day. Anything which will tend to make Christmas brighter and happier for these little children will be most welcome. Send to Ensign Somerbridge, the Salvation Army officer in charge at the Headquarters, Bedford street, Fall River, Mass.

Ensign Somerbridge said to a BOSTON AMERICAN reporter yesterday:

"The Salvation Army will be grateful for any assistance of the BOSTON AMERICAN in this matter. We have no contribute will send their gifts to me I will see to it that they will be distributed where they will bring the most cheer to the little children."

Secretary Abrahams of the Central Labor Union, to-day forwarded a check for $30 to Fall River as a contribution toward making Christmas as merry as possible for the children of the textile workers.

This little gift was the result of the thoughtful resolution of Frank K. Foster at the last meeting of the Central Labor Union before Thanksgiving.

CHAMBERLAIN HAS PARALYSIS

NEW YORK, Dec. 19.—A London cable says that Joseph Chamberlain has been suffering from a slight stroke of paralysis, and that is the reason for his long absence from political situation.

INSURANCE AGENT FACES CHARGES

Charged with larceny of $50, which it is alleged he collected as premiums on insurance policies and did not turn in, Walter C. Bourne, aged thirty-four, of No. 24 Alston street, Malden, was arraigned before Judge Bruce to-day on complaint of his employers, A. R. Prescott & Co. The case was continued until Thursday. Bourne is married and is widely known in Everett and Malden.

FROZE TO DEATH IN BED.

S. O'Meara, thirty-five years old, a laborer, of No. 33 Matthews street, Chelsea, awoke yesterday morning nearly frozen, and died a few hours later.

FOUND SUICIDE NOTE IN STREET

Special to the Boston American.

SPRINGFIELD, Dec. 19.—The police are trying to find the writer of a mysterious letter found in Main street, near Pynchon, and which may have been penned either by a person who was about to commit suicide or a practical joker. It is signed "F. J. M," and reads as follows:

"Dear Mother: Goodby forever, for I am going away never to return again. I am glad and shall be glad till I will be dead, so goodby. I have not any money or no work and so goodby forever. Do not worry mother, for I am better off dead than alive, so goodby to the world. My sweetheart forsook me when I was in trouble and so goodby forever."

CHILD BADLY SCALDED.

NEW BEDFORD, Dec. 19.—Harry True, aged five, was badly scalded at his home on Pleasant street by overturning a kettle of boiling water.

HORSE DASHES INTO WINDOW

A horse, owned and driven by George Mitten of Mitten Bros., No. 1,351 Washington street, took fright to-day at an elevated train on Dover street and ran away. When caught he was head and shoulders through a plate glass window in the store of William Johnson, No. 27 Dover street.

Mitten was thrown by the overturning of the sleigh, but hung pluckily to the reins to avert accidents among the crowd of school children on the way to school.

DECLARE DIVIDENDS FOR BANK CREDITORS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19.—The Comptroller of the Currency this morning announced dividends in favor of the creditors of insolvent national banks, including People's National, Swanton, Vt., first dividend, 33 1-3 per cent, and Farmers' National, Fairmount, Vt., fourth dividend, 10 per cent.

DROVE KNIFE IN YARDMAN'S SIDE

WHITE RIVER JUNCTION, Vt., Dec. 19.—Yard conductor J. Lucas of the Central Vermont railroad was severely stabbed in the left side to-day by Daniel Livingston, a laborer, employed in the mills at Hartford, Vt.

Livingston was in the house and Conductor Lucas ordered him out. Lucas tried to eject him, and Livingston turned on him with a knife, which he plunged into Lucas's left side, penetrating the lung. He was later arrested. Lucas is in a critical condition.

PRIVATE BRENAN, DESERTER, CAUGHT

BUFFALO, Dec. 19.—Private Peter F. Brenan, alias Frank Healy, twenty-four, was arrested in Dunkirk last night on the charge of deserting the United States Army. He will be returned to West Point to-day for court-martial. Brenan says he deserted because he was tired of service.

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GEORGE'S SLUR STIRS PEOPLE IN GAS FIGHT

Attempt Being Made to Keep Evidence Before Commission Secret.

NEXT HEARING WEDNESDAY

The people of Boston are more interested than ever in the fight for 80-cent gas, and will evidently follow the proceedings of the hearing to be continued next Wednesday on the petition of the Consolidated Gas Companies for recapitalization, because of the efforts of the gas trust to eliminate the people and all consideration of them from the discussion of the matter in hand.

The remarkable statement by Mr. George, of the Gas and Electric Light Commission, in an outburst against Attorney Auerbach, who, with Attorney General Jerome Shearn, of New York, represents the 70,000 signers of the BOSTON AMERICAN petition for 80-cent gas, has also given the people public added interest. Commissioner George declared with emphasis:

"The law says WE shall decide this thing—not the community."

Trust vs. Public.

Several points have come up recently, showing that if the Trust can succeed in ousting the commissioners against the people they will eliminate the public entirely from all say as to what we do with the machinations of the gas combine.

In the first place, Sidney Snow, representing the Boston Consolidated Gas Company, and one of the firm of Kidder, Peabody & Co., which financed the Gas Trust, required out of the commission that the people of Boston, represented by Attorneys Clarence J. Shearn and Simeon T. Ascherbach, be excluded from any participation in the hearing, since the conferees to the Board of Gas Commissioners by Attorney Auerbach, in which he insisted upon the rights of the people in the case, although he had been persistently and conspicuously ignored by Attorney Snow at the hearing.

Then came the disappearance of Gas Expert Humphreys before he could be cross-examined by Attorney Auerbach. His appraisal of the gas company's properties was riddled by Professor Edward W. Bemis, of Cleveland, the greatest gas expert in the country, whose services were secured for the people of Boston by the BOSTON AMERICAN.

Could Bring Books.

When Auditor Grant of the Consolidated Gas Companies was on the stand it developed that certain figures before the commission from the books of the Massachusetts Pipe Line Gas Company, which indicated that the price of certain grades of the plant were larger even than those given by Gas Expert Humphreys, and transcripts from books of the company now in possession of the commission, could be had for copies from them.

Later in the hearing, when Mr. Auerbach was cross-examining Mr. Grant it developed that certain books which he had not brought with him might let considerable light into some of the peculiar items of bookkeeping. Mr. Auerbach asked him to bring them to the next hearing.

Attorney Snow suggested that he would protect the interests by bringing any exhibits that the commission or Mr. Bateson, representing Mayor Collins, requested, but that he did not want Mr. Auerbach to have such a standing in the hearing, and he should not have Mr. Grant produce the evidence.

Keep Evidence Secret.

This precipitated the most significant incident of yesterday's hearing. Commissioner George, after speaking heatedly to Mr. Auerbach, announced that the commission had the power, whenever it wished, to view the books and vouchers of the gas companies, and that it might do so if it wished, without assistance from any counsel.

This was direct notice to the citizens who have been urging the commission to look into matter that, so far as Mr. George was concerned, he believed the commission should act upon the books as evidence without allowing anyone to know the evidence upon which they were acting.

FOUR YEARS FOR DEDHAM BREAK

DEDHAM, Dec. 19.—Edward Hartnett, of Dedham, was sentenced to-day to four years in the House of Correction at Bridgewater by Judge Sherman for the charge of breaking and entering the home of John F. Morse, Jr., the Needham millionaire, on November 7. Hartnett's counsel asked Judge Sherman to make the sentence a light one, as his client is not of sound mind.

WOMEN WOULD AID RUSSIANS

Prominent women of Boston have under way plans for the formation of a local auxiliary society in favor of the movement for constitutional liberty in Russia. Among the women most deeply interested in the matter are Mrs. John Ward Howe and Miss Alice Stone Blackwell.

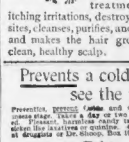
CONNECTICUT MAN SUICIDE.

NEW YORK, Dec. 19.—Lucius P. Hawley, thirty-five years of age, of No. 81 Hartford avenue, Wethersfield, Conn., committed suicide to-day at the Lafayette Baths by gas.

FROM LOWELL TO CHICAGO.

LOWELL, Dec. 19.—The Rev. Smith T. Ford, pastor of the First Baptist church, has resigned. Mr. Ford has accepted a call to the Englewood Baptist church at Chicago.

HAIR GROWTH



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Gruesome Record for 1904 Shown by Report of Interstate Commerce Board.

10 DISASTROUS COLLISIONS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19.—The annual report of the Interstate Commerce Commission, made public today, shows that the past fiscal year was unusually prolific in fatal railroad accidents.

There were 42,296 employes injured and 8,267 killed in 1904, as compared with 53,711 injured and 2,516 killed in 1902.

In 1904 there were 8,072 passengers injured and 205 killed. In 1902 there were 6,971 injured and 321 killed, an increase in fatalities over 1903 of 64½ per cent. The fact that there were ten unusually disastrous accidents during the year is commented upon.

"The great increase," the report says, "in the number of train accidents during the year has led to widespread discussion, and there is reason to fear that the casualties may become numerous and conflicting.

Causes of Accidents.

"Among those mentioned are laxity of discipline, long hours of labor, employment of inexperienced men, overtaxing the facilities, handling business, influence of labor unions, and many others.

The commission urges with emphasis the uniform adoption of the block system, and regarding the safety appliance law, the report says:

"The good effect of the amending act, especially in securing more effective control of trains through the increased use of air brakes is marked. The law is generally well observed, so far as the proportion of defective cars in service is concerned, but many of these cars are run in such defective condition as to be really inoperative in respect to the use of the attachments.

Present Law Ineffective.

The report contains an exhaustive discussion of the rate question, the burden of which is for laws making effective the acts of the commission. The report says in part:

"In the present state of the law, after careful and often extended investigation, the committee may find a rate complained against to be unreasonable, and order the carrier to desist from charging that rate for the future; but it cannot find and order the reasonable rate to be substituted for that which has been found to be unlawful. And reduction of the rate complained of amounts to technical compliance and frees the carrier from any legal obligation to do the order."

Discussing the use of private cars in freight traffic, the commission discovers the following evils:

Concessions to particular shippers in refrigeration charges which amount to the payment of a rebate.

A practical monopoly in the use of private cars for the movement of certain commodities, especially fruits, which has enormously increased to the public the cost of transportation.

When the owners of the car become a dealer in the commodity transported, the fact of ownership gives him an important advantage over his competitors.

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Year of Big Earnings.

Statistics compiled by the commission show that the gross earnings of the railways for the year were $1,960,653,821, against the gross earnings for the previous year of $1,903,000,000. The average of gross earnings per mile of line was $9,450, exceeding that of 1903 by $142, and higher than the corresponding average for any previous year since the organization of the commission. The total earnings of the roads were $634,250,675.

HONOR NAME OF LEOPOLD MORSE

The memory of the late Leopold Morse was honored, according to annual custom, in the chapel of the Leopold Morse Home in Mattapan yesterday, and on the occasion of his annual hegira, being of a dual character. Since held a year ago Jacob Morse, brother of the founder of an old Boston firm and a member of the late lamented family, and when the memorial lamp was lighted it burned for both. Many friends of the family attended the services, including men prominent in business, financial and political circles. Ferdinand Straus, President of the Leopold Morse Home, delivered a memorial address and Rabbi Solomon Schindler eulogized the late Jacob Morse.

ZION'S HEIRESS LEAVES DOWIE

LONDON, Dec. 19.—"Mrs. Gladstone Dowie, who was Miss Ruth Hofer, an heiress, has returned to her house on the shores of Lake Constance," says the Geneva correspondent of the Daily Mail.

"After a stay of five months in Zion City she discovered that it was her money and not herself that Dowie was in love with. She determined to quit Zion City at all costs. The police, who had firmly refused to let her go, but she threatened to run away, and finally they gave in."

WHAT'S TRUMP; GETS STABBED

The police are searching for Joseph Fahinoe, of 98 Prince street, who is alleged to have stabbed Generoso Tennaccio, of No. 22 Cleveland place, in a dispute as to Fahinoe's right to frighten with a revolver Tennaccio's house, by asking [illegible]

FACED MIRROR; BULLET IN HEAD

To make certain that his aim would not fail Maurice Butzee stood in front of a mirror at the Hotel Axford, West End, and sent a pistol bullet into his brain. He went about all his preparations for suicide with deliberation, even sending a note to his sister, specifying on the envelope that it was not to be opened until night.

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NEWPORT PREACHER TELLS FALL RIVER CONDITIONS

NEWPORT PASTOR AND HIS DAUHTER.

Dr. Hyde's Sermon Based on Personal Investigation of Great Strike.

Special to the Boston American.

NEWPORT, R. I., Dec. 19.—"The Harvest of Kindness and the Way It Would Appeal to Christ If He Were to Come to that City" is the title which Rev. J. Chester Hyde gave a sermon which he preached at the Second Baptist Church of Newport yesterday, telling of the condition of the people in Fall River.

Dr. Hyde, who is pastor of the church, impressed the members of his congregation with the conditions as he found them after a personal and careful examination of the affairs of the city, and his sermon, telling of the terrible conditions prevailing in the mill city caused a profound sensation.

"The man who stops his manufactory this time of the year," said Dr. Hyde, "because he wishes skilled hands to go somewhere else for work so that he may pay the low wage of the newcomer, takes advantage of nature to show how little he appreciates nature's God and this is being done only twenty miles from Newport.

"Many people have failed to see money in cotton and say it is too high for him to buy, and so we still have to stop, has no argument when cotton drops to less than one half the original price. The quality of mercy in this case is not strained.

Kindness Not Strained.

"The few families who may desire to make more money through a superintendent whom they pay $20,000 to cut wages to per cent, and then cut wages from that reduction 12½ per cent more, with more longer hours, for the same price and more looms to attend, are not straining in kindness.

"Who else can change this condition but Christ himself. His agents in this world have, in a former crisis in our neighboring Massachusetts city, appealed to, in decide whether the manufacturers could give a dividend or increase, and they were led, in their investigation of the corporate books, to report to the people that the capitalists could not afford any more for labor.

"The people returned to work. The else became almost absolutely defenseless. This led to an investigation of the insurance carried by these fires, and the people were insured with the Manufacturers' Insurance, which means as the rate in some cases of $100 a month, and the factor to be collected at the end of the strike if the manufacturer is successful. Time and blood is cheapened.

Ministers Called Dupes.

"The ministers of the gospel are put out of the sympathy of the people and called dupes and the manufacturer is trying to have himself called the workingman's friend, because he dupes the workingman and the preacher of the gospel of Jesus Christ to get insurance. The quality of mercy is not strained.

"The schemes of this kind should, however, be uncovered that men may know the difference between straightforward and crooked capitalism, between straightforward children and those who have dipped the past, but who will not be used as the catspaw again.

"Our personal benefit is through Christ. If He were to come and watch the conditions which man has made in our life today, I imagine He would refer to Paul's word to Titus, 'Not by works done in righteousness, which we did ourselves, but according to His mercy He saved us, through the washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Ghost, which He poured out upon us richly, through Jesus Christ our Savior.'

BANKRUPT FOR KISSING GIRL

HAMMOND, Ind., Dec. 19. Dan Bros has been held guilty for having a weakness inherent in mankind.

Two months ago he was the prosperous owner of a dry goods store. One day a pretty girl came in and Brosius waited upon her.

He embraced and kissed her. He was arrested and fined. The woman who had not been kissed started a lawsuit on his store. Now he is in court a bankrupt.

MANY TAKEN IN GAMBLING RAID

Fourteen well-known citizens of Winthrop and other nearby places were arrested in the largest gambling raid ever made in the history of that town. The house where the raid took place is at the beach end of Locust road, near the Boston, Revere Beach & Lynn Railroad tracks.

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LYMAN ABBOTT DENIES "GREAT FIRST CAUSE"

Noted Divine Says He No Longer Believes in an Absentee God.

PRESENCE IS UNIVERSAL

Beginning with the statement that he believed that he would be branded as a heretic, Rev. Dr. Lyman Abbott, amid breathless silence, told the students assembled in the Appleton chapel at Harvard, to whom he was preaching, that he no longer believed in a God that is to be reached through a Bible or a priest, but in a God whose presence is universal and closer to His people than hands or feet.

"I wonder," he said, "if you students in Harvard understand me when I say that I no longer believe in a great first cause. To-morrow the newspapers will get hold of this and brand me as a heretic which is unutterable in all the activities of man and all the workings of nature.

"I believe in a God who is in and through and of everything—not an absentee God, who has to reach through a Bible or a priest or some other outside aid, but a God who is closer to us than hands or feet.

One Eternal Energy.

"Science, literature and history tell us that there is one eternal energy, that the finite no longer can be accepted as ultimate, that many of its laws were copied from other religions, that the Ten Commandments did not spring spontaneously from Moses, but were, like all laws, a gradual growth, and that man is a creature, not a creation.

"No thinking man will say there are many creators, as the Greeks believed in the past. There is only one energy. That energy has been at work working.

"It is an intelligent energy. No scientist can deny it. It was working before a child's time, even as it is now. For three years the people broke and the light flashed through. Then they closed again.

His Personality Recognized.

"Yet God has a personality. We recognize it as we recognize the personality of a Titian or an Angelo. Only God is always working, always creating, whereas their work is done. God stands near us. The mother of a deaf, dumb and blind child gives her daughter one, two, three gifts without being recognized. Finally there breaks through the child's intelligence the fact that these gifts, so kind, so loving, spring from the same source. It feels the mothers' hands and face, then throws its arms around her neck and kisses her.

"Even so we, ever in the presence of God, cease to realize His presence and love. God makes for good. Man's prog ress is progress upward. Each day is better than the first."

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THOMAS A. EDISON, the inventor, in mapping out the problems of the future, gives first place to the necessity of fighting the bacteria which give us our diseases. Next to the actual bacteria of disease, the mosquitoes and flies are the most dangerous enemies of man. The mosquito with its bite injects into our veins malaria, yellow fever, and other fatal troubles. The fly, with spongy feet, collects the invisible germs of disease, spreads them over our food and poisons us with typhoid, cholera and other plagues of the human race. The bacteria of disease we can see only through microscopes. These tiny organisms point to victories by the million, which lie in such numbers in our cemeteries. Thus iar scientists have not been able to fight these bacteria very well. The best thing we can possibly do individually at present is to keep ourselves in such a state of health as will enable us to fight the bacteria with our own vitality.

GOOD, RED BLOOD OUR AMMUNITION.

The blood which flows through our veins and arteries should contain healthy red blood corpuscles which are capable of warding off the attack of disease germs if they get into the system. While we keep our blood in good condition and our little army of fighters in order we can resist fairly well the attacks from the outside. In preparing ourselves against bacterial attacks there are many important things to be thought of—proper nourishment of the blood, nerves, lungs, heart and liver. Important to us is proper food for the stomach, pure air for the lungs, exercise and cleanliness at all times. Good wholesome air taken into the lungs helps oxidize the blood and make it strong. Sunlight is also important for our well being. If our stomach is "out of whack," if the blood does not get the proper nutriment out of the food eaten, we at once weaken our defensive forces and the germs of catarrh, consumption or grip readily enter.

Dr. Pierce, the eminent physician of Buffalo, N. Y., says, "if each person will consider his system as an army of men which he controls as a general, and will see to its proper provisioning and that it has plenty of ammunition in the shape of good, rich blood, he will be able to overcome the enemy in the shape of the germs of disease." Every healthy person has five million red blood cells or corpuscles in every cubic millimeter of blood. The number of red blood corpuscles in the average human being is so great that it is almost incomprehensible. However, their numbers increase with health or decrease with illness or malnutrition. The best tonic for increasing the red blood corpuscles and building up healthy tissue is no doubt Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery. This medicine has been on the market for over a third of a century and numbers its cures by the thousand.

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JIMMY BRITT COMING CHAMPION
NELSON IS IN BRITT'S OLD QUARTERS AND OCCASIONALLY LOOKS AT HIS RIVALS PICTURES ON THE WALL.
"SMILING" METZGER PROPRIETOR OF THE QUARTERS

This is the first of Cartoonist Tad's drawings on the Nelson-Britt fight. It was received from San Francisco early this morning and gives an insight into Battling Nelson's training, his camp and assistants. Cartoonist Tad went to San Francisco especially to report this fight for the BOSTON AMERICAN. Lovers of boxing who want to keep thoroughly posted on the fight and to read a graphic description of the bout, should get Tad's articles and give his drawings a careful looking over.

MELLODY MAY SOON GET A NEW MANAGER

There seems to be all kinds of friction between Honey Melody and Manager Jack Mooney, according to dispatches from Chicago, as a result of Mooney cancelling the fight with Buddy Ryan the last time they were to meet. Melody is quoted as saying that he will break away from Mooney after Christmas and let Joe Woods do his match making. Woods has already wired the Burke club and challenged Jimmy Gardner for a match in the mountain town.

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Whoever is the winner in the Britt-Nelson scrap, he can go no further with Jimmy Gardner, as the Lowell boy is hot on the trail of the victor, and he demands for a match are likely to receive the proper support from the Westerners, now that he has put Jack O'Keefe in the background.

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There are a few live wrestlers in the game yet as the following would indicate:

"Reading in the BOSTON AMERICAN that Jack Butler finds it hard work in getting a man to wrestle him, I would like to state that he need not look far for a match, as I am accommodating any or any other lightweight living for $50 to $250 a side of good American money, first come first served. I will be at the BOSTON AMERICAN to post my money any time when I am called. Yours, Joe Gilbert, 135-pound catch-as-catch-can champion."

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The Paper City A. C., of Berlin, N. H., has matched Joe Reed, of Lynn, and Sam Langford, of Boston, for a fifteen-round bout next Thursday night.

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Two matches are proposed by the West End Club of St. Louis. One is to be between Willie Fitzgerald and Mike (Twin) Sullivan, twenty rounds at 135 pounds, the other is a twenty-round go for the American championship in the bantam division between Frankie Neil and Monte Attell.

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Only amateur bouts will be allowed in Pittsburg after all, and there will be no effort to start up the professional game yet awhile.

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It is pretty generally accepted among the fight fans that when a fighter gets a good, hard beating his is down and out. There are exceptions to this, like Joe Grim, in talking about men who are staggers one belief, of Chicago, is usually overlooked. He is one of the hardest fighters in the business, and never puts up a disappointing exhibition.

He is always getting a beating, but before he goes down for the count he carries the other fellow along at a pace that usually brings the crowd to its feet howling. He is known from New York to the Pacific Coast as a hard fighter, and gets as many fights as any man in the business.

He is beaten on an average of about once a week, and has been for several years past, but he seems just as good to-day as ever was, and falls short of top form a little that he is always getting matches with the top-notchers. He is strong, always seems to be in good condition, hits hard and can stand a wonderful amount of punishment.

Whenever he is down on the cards there is going to be a fight about which there will be no talk of fake.

If there were a few more fighters like Gotch in the business, and less like Tommy Ryan, Jack Root and Joe Gans, the sport would thrive better.

Ella Wheeler Wilcox is a regular contributor to the BOSTON SUNDAY AMERICAN.

GEORGE GARDNER ALL RIGHT

BUTTE, Mont., Dec. 19.—George Gardner, the Lowell, Mass., pugilist, has been much annoyed by reports from all over the country that he was seriously ill. He is in good health and was in his brother's corner when the latter whipped Jack O'Keefe here last week.

OLD-TIME BALL PLAYER DEAD.

TITUS, Dec. 19.—Old-time baseball players will regret the death of John E. Clapp, who, twenty-five years ago, was one of the most famous of catchers. He was a popular college boy and was stricken with paralysis while making an errand. He made a record while a member of the St. Louis, Buffalo and Metropolitan clubs.

ADVERTISING MEN WILL PLAY GOLF

The fourth annual international golf tournament of advertising men will be held at the Pinehurst Golf Club, Pinehurst, N. C., January 8 and 10. It will consist of a qualifying round, at eighteen holes, medal play, eight to qualify in each class, with gold medal for the best score and bronze medals for the eight players having the lowest qualifying scores, and handsome sterling silver cups for the winner in each of the four eights and the defeated fours.

The tournament is open only to those connected with the advertising business, either as advertising manager of a firm, newspaper or magazine, advertising writer, general or special agent or those having authority to place advertising.

Entries should state the club of which the entrant is a member and his connection with the advertising world. Entries may be made with any member of the following committee:

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Special rates have been arranged at the Pinehurst hotels, with a minimum price of $3 a day for room and board. The place-kicking tournament immediately precedes the annual mid-winter tournament, which is to be held at Pinehurst on January 11, 12, 13 and 14, and which will be participated in by many of the crack golfers of the United States.

SCHOOL LADS ON THE ICE

Some hot old games are scheduled to take place in the schoolboy ranks this week. English High and Dalton & Hobigand will battle this afternoon at Franklin Park and one of the fastest games of the season is promised.

Some rare sport is looked for when the Cambridge Manual and Newton High teams come together to-morrow at Cambridge. When E. H. S. and Brookline High meet Thursday at Brookline there will be a large crowd out to witness the fun.

The only game in the schoolboy world for Saturday will be played between the Cambridge Manual and Arlington High sevens.

BIG SPECIALS FOR DOG SHOW

The Ladies' Kennel Club of Massachusetts and the Ladies' Kennel Club of America have donated thirty-five attractive premiums for the coming dog show, which will be held in Mechanics' Hall, Tuesday, the 27th of December, as offered by the L. K. C. of Massachusetts. Among them is the "Grand Challenge Cup," valued at $100, presented by Mrs. Cadena, for the best Great Dane, under fifteen months.

BASKETBALL NOTES.

The Lincoln A. A., of Somerville, wants to arrange games with eighteen-year-old teams. Address Frank McCarthy, No. 18 Cutter square, Somerville.

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Senior Hole House team would like to arrange games with eighteen-year-old teams. Address Harry Ash, No. 11 Federal street, city.

NELSON WILL BET $2,000 HE WILL BEAT JIMMY BRITT

IT WILL BE "TAPS" FOR NELSON SAYS BRITT

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 19.—You can take it from me that after to-morrow Battling Nelson will be but a "once was." I have it on him and if he doesn't know it now, he will find it out before the fight goes many rounds. He is good, but not nearly up to my class. It will be taps for him to-morrow.—**JIMMY BRITT.**

BRITT WILL BE COUNTED OUT, SAYS BATTLING NELSON

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 19.—I look for one of the hardest fights of my life to-morrow, for I know that Britt is a fighter from the drop of the hat. I also know that I am a better man than he is and that I will win with a knockout. Britt cannot hit as hard as I can. I'll mix it up from the start.—**BATTLING NELSON.**

BY TAD.

By Boston American Leased Wire.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Dec. 19.—The largest crowd that ever visited a fighter at Larks Spur showed up to watch Battling Nelson in his final work out, and the dance they did to Smiling Metzger's place will not be forgotten in a hurry.

The doors of the gymnasium are out of whack, the banisters are torn down and the bench around the room is for the wood pile. Over 500 sports were turned away, and the crowd upstairs in the gymnasium swayed the building every time they cheered the Dane. And Metzger rushed specials at one time and ordered the crowd to scatter around the place. He feared that they would fall through the ceiling in the saloon below. He saw the setting boat more or less and he predicted that the floor would be ruin to Manager Murphy quick to spot the news.

They were scattered around as well as could be done, but there was but enough room for Nelson to swing his arms and the sparring partners to jump back.

Mr. Kelly, the gentleman who shows just how much of a willow-in a human being can stand, took on Battling for what was to be a four-round go. Nelson just felt like slamming them in good, however, and after tearing into Kelly for four minutes the latter threw up his hands, looked over at Murphy and yelled "Help!"

Nelson's Awful Pace.

Eddie Santry then jumped into the space and took Battling over the jumps for a three-round go, which kept these sports jumping and applauding all the way. The way the Chicago boy goes at his men and the pace he sets is really wonderful. He has the reputation of being a terror, and the form he showed up scared many a the most surprised man in town. This expects crowds from up the State.

Britt was out of his 10 to 7 bet. There seemed to be no life in the fellow, and the faster he works the faster he goes. He showed great shape and there is not a sign of staleness.

Nelson seems to have an iron form, and when he lowers his toe head, grits his teeth and bores in the other fellow is either going to drop out or Battling is to be hammered down. It is a fighting, slug, with no let up, no fancy footwork and no clever swings. A fighter goes and simple from the time they yell "Go" till he is pulled away. It is just this sort of a fight he will put up with Britt, and Manager Murphy says: "If Britt can land him at the game he is a champion."

Britt says that fighting has never met a man as clever as himself," whispered Murphy early in the day, and he has Britt met a boy like Battling in his long career. Nelson has all the best lines of Britt, and looking him over closely and closer the long range fighting. He has Britt beat and right swing which he uses at long range, but with Nelson he won't be able to work it, as there won't be room enough away at any stage of the fight to get them in.

Toe and Toe Scrap.

"This will be a toe-to-toe battle and the onlicther is going to win. Nelson will bet between $1,500 and $2,000 on himself, and if the odds go to 2 to 1 I will stake my own roll. This is a false price you know, but if people will insist on betting with Britt made a favorite I can't help them. Battling is right in his prime now and his whips over such boys as "Corbett." Herrera and Hanlon have given him confidence in himself that cannot be shaken.

Harry Corbett and Colonel Brady were among the visitors and both were struck with Nelson's speed. Harry lost on "Corbett" when Nelson beat him and was

fight he refuses to let up and says he only need pick the winner.

"Britt is a wonderful little fellow," says Manager Corbett, "but we have not taken Nelson seriously enough. His record is no better than Britt's, and I don't suppose that people see it yet. Britt is a clever little fighter and can hit, but him as much as not as hard as Nelson can. He is a boy that I can't pick to win here, but I look for a fight that cannot be stopped, and if he can make Britt fight Nelson's way he will be a grand struggle. He is on too fast for Britt, and the latter's cutting punches that would put an ordinary man to the floor right and keep on coming. Slow him up and you have Britt, which is what I would do. Nelson is a big fellow and will have to work hard to get down to 133 pounds, but I think he will make it. Just so he does I would be satisfied."

Light Work for Nelson.

Nelson is down to 142½ now, and his work to-day will be very light. Rising walks and a little tattoo on the bag will be about all.

Britt was forced to have the police help him at his quarters, and only those with tickets were allowed in the gymnasium. The beach was crowded with sports who could not get in and the crowds were scrambling for Jack Monroe and "Young Corbett" had awful time with the mobs, but the Seal Rock House people came to the rescue and got them in. Everyone in town is daffy on the "go," and when you ask a man for his opinion he spends a dollar with a big "Well," and then goes on with "If Britt does not" or "If Nelson fights like that."

There are very few decided opinions. It is a fight of guesses and no one is there with the clinch talk.

Sports from the whole coast office are coming in now, and to-day Manager Corbett

BRITT LIKED BY GOTHAM BETTORS

By Boston American Leased Wire.

NEW YORK, Dec. 19.—The ring topic among local sporting men is the Britt-Nelson fight, and although the principals are both Westerners, local professionals have been followed with much keen interest by the local sporting element that they are prepared to wager their money on the result.

Notwithstanding Nelson's recent victory over Young Corbett, who stayed twenty rounds with Britt, the last named is the favorite among the local bettors, and many of the prominent sporting men are backing the aforesaid boy to pull off the honors.

Tommy Considine, who always wagers heavily on the result of important pugilistic events, is backing Britt in the coming encounter at odds of 10 to 8.

JIG STONE HAS A CHAMP.

Jig Stone has a champion, so he says, in Connie Mack, the 140-pound boy who has been showing at the John L. gym. Jig says his charge is ready to meet Gus Dimond at the Cambridge club.

HAVERHILL TO MEET NATICK

Captain James Kennedy and his teammates are making a rift away affair of the match for the trophy in the New England Basket Ball League, and the game on the night of the season Haverhill has won nineteen games and lost four.

Natick is coming fast, and is now only some six odd games behind the leaders. The first and second teams in the standing stands to-night at Natick. As neither has as yet lost a home game the interest will be taken in the outcome of to-night's contest.

HARVARD WILL GIVE DINNER TO ATHLETES

Harvard varsity athletes will be given a dinner in the Harvard Union to-night. The dinner will be complimentary, so the invitations say, and is for the purpose of forming a Harvard athletes' association to promote good fellowship and better acquaintance among the Harvard students who have struggled for the glory of the Crimson on the gridiron, baseball field, track and river.

Invitations have been sent out by the captains of the varsity crews and teams of the four major sports, football, baseball, track and river to all the men in the university who have won their "H" in any of these sports.

About seventy-five men are expected to be present. Speeches will be made by E. H. Nichols, '96, the "Walter Camp" of Harvard baseball; R. G. Waters, '94, the famous tackle; H. S. Rose, '91, another football right; R. D. Wrenn, '95, the tennis player and ex-quarterback; W. W. Garrison, L. '95, and I. F. Perkins, '99, the well known oarsman.

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MEMPHIS, Dec. 19.—It is probable that the Memphis Trotting Association will offer another valuable trophy for trotters driven by amateurs, as the famous gold cup is now the personal property of E. E. Smathers, who won it with Major Delmar.

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MURRAY WILL MEET O'BRIEN AT CAMBRIDGE A. A. TO-NIGHT

There has been a slight shuffle in the cards for the Cambridge A. A. to-night, instead of meeting Willie Gibbs of Philadelphia, as originally scheduled, Rouse O'Brien will clash with George Murray of Lynn.

Both of these lads are exceedingly clever with their hands, and lovers of sparring encounters will flock in large numbers to see them perform. Murray has had the wider experience, although lately O'Brien has been up against the fighting proposition good and plenty.

Many fans expect this fight to go the limit, with Murray pulling out a victor by reason of his staginess. On the other hand there are hundreds of South Boston fans who took to see O'Brien sneak in a knockout punch before the limit.

Sam Harris, the much-touted English boxer, who has been in this country for some months, will face Ben Barry, of East Boston, in the semi-final go. Will Glover and Jack Dewler meet in one of the other preliminaries, and it is whispered around the corners that there will be a deal of sore spit in this contest.

Judging by the large list of entries, there will be some rare old sport at the amateur boxing tourney of the Roanoke Social and Athletic Club to-night. All of the last local bops will be on hand to

Principal Bouts Carded This Week

TO-NIGHT.

George Morris vs. Rouse O'Brien, and preliminaries, Cambridge A. A.

Jack O'Brien vs. Morris Harris, Philadelphia.

Billy Woods vs. Bert Waller, Stockton, Cal., 4-round bouts at the Roanoke S. & A. C.

TUESDAY.

Jimmy Britt vs. Battling Nelson, San Francisco, Cal.

WEDNESDAY.

Peter Maher vs. Jewett at Philadelphia.

THURSDAY.

Sam Langford vs. Joe Reed, Berlin, N. H.

FRIDAY.

Jimmy Briggs vs. Jig Stone, Douglas A. C., Chelsea.

Aurelio Herrera vs. Maurice Sayers, Millwaukee.

SATURDAY.

Tommy Murphy vs. Danny Dougherty, Philadelphia.

provide fun and amusement for all the members.

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Jack O'Brien is slated to go on with Morris Harris at Philadelphia to-night. The latter is due to come in and is a pretty Hercules as regards strength. He has a punch like a pile-driver, and if he is able to land a few clouts on Mr. O'Brien it will be all day with the "pride of Stowtown."

However, the friends of O'Brien say that he will not be caught napping, and that he will finish Harris in the early rounds. O'Brien has gone rather stale, because of lack of work. Therefore, he will go into this battle with the avowed purpose of showing his friends that he is still there with the Sleepy Hollow wallop.

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The battle between Jimmy Britt and Battling Nelson is the only one of consequence for to-morrow night. Local fans are taking a great deal of interest in the outcome. Although there are hundreds who are backing Nelson, the majority pick Britt to win, because of his shiftiness and ring generalship.

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The ball between Jimmy Briggs and Jig Stone before the Douglas A. C., at the Pythian Rink, Chelsea, Friday, promises to be one of the best ever presented in this part of the State. There is considerable rancor between the pair, and they will go after each other like wildfire. Wise ringsiders hope out that these boys are so evenly matched that the bout won't go any better than a draw for either.

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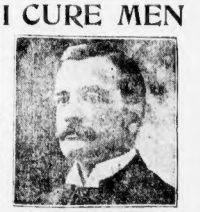

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Chapter CXIX.—Continued

"THANK you," said Esther. "I will tell her." She was more to the door when he called her back.

"One thing more, Esther. This man Fleetwood—what are you going to tell him?"

"What should I say?" asked the girl. "He has his practice to attend to—he will return to that."

"May I ask how you came to discover that he was the real man with whom you went through the form of marriage at Adderly old church?"

"He told me the story quite unconsciously. He wanted me to know the truth about himself. He has been a very true friend, Harold—kind and honorable."

"Of course." It was impossible to say whether Harold was speaking ironically or no. "And in what relation do you hold him? Does the fact of this marriage, farce as it was, affect your friendship with him? I think I have the right to know."

"If I had known that the man with whom I went through that ceremony was alive, Harold, I should not have married you, passionately and devotedly as I loved you. You may consider that to be merely a sentimental notion, but, indeed, it is part of my creed, part of my very religion."

"Yes—yes." He muttered a few unintelligible words to himself. "You consider yourself his wife?"

"Not legally—and he has never claimed such a right over me. I am your wife—by law."

"I am glad you admit that." He laughed again, the laugh which caused Esther to shudder. "And for a little while I am going to claim my rights. But only for a little while, Esther. I shall not trouble you for long. And when you are free."

"Hush!" she cried. "You must not speak like that. I hope it will be many years!"

"No, you don't," he said, abruptly. "You cannot. Don't think I do not realize what I am. I know that I am inviting you to a distasteful task, but—I will try and make it easy for you." There was a subtle suggestion in his words which at the time she failed to appreciate.

"There is only one request I have to make," he went on after a short pause.

"Yes?" Esther stood now by the door. She was anxious for this interview to come to an end.

"While you are with me you must not see Basil Fleetwood. I do not distrust you or him, in spite of the friendship I know exists between you. But I have my reasons and, though I cannot give them, I trust you will do as I ask."

"Very well," she said, with averted face. "May I correspond with him?"

"I would rather that you did not do that either. As I have said, I am not likely to trouble you for very long. Let that be his solace. Bid him farewell now, and let him go. I would sooner not see him again. You and Mrs. Willoughby will have plenty of time to get ready, the carriage shall be round at 5 o'clock. I will meet you in the hall about that time."

He did not turn his head as she left the room, but bent his body nearer to the fire, rubbing his hands together with the same mechanical precision, and muttering words to himself that were unintelligible to Esther.

She found Basil and Lillian seated before a flaming wood fire in the hall. The young man sprang forward to meet her.

"Well?" he cried.

She averted her eyes, reading the passionate eagerness in his. "I am going," she faltered, "with him."

"It is folly—madness!" he cried. "Esther, you will not be safe. Quite apart from all the hobgoblin tricks in this house, the man is not to be trusted. He has deadened his moral sense with that drug of his. I can read it in his face and manner. I can read it from the very lack of expression. I can hear it in his voice. It is not right that a healthy woman like yourself should be in contact with such a man. If he not only find a cure for you so deeply—I should say the same to any woman."

"I cannot help myself," murmured Esther, faintly; "he is my husband."

Chapter CXX.

Basil's Sudden Call.

"AND so, Father, nothing I can say, nothing I can do, will induce you to change your mind?"

Basil Fleetwood spoke very sadly. He was standing upon the terrace, and his hand rested upon the saddle of his bicycle.

Esther sighed a negative. "I must do what I feel to be my duty, Basil. I can never forget that I married Harold because I loved him with all my heart—and that was barely a year ago. He has suffered very terribly, and he has given way to strange and subtle temptations. But it may not be all his fault. I must make every allowance for him. My place is by his side.

"You are an angel," said Basil, "for there isn't a woman in a million who would live with a man in Harold Borradaile's condition, or who would forgive all those months of neglect—to say nothing of the other circumstances. But it is hard upon me—very hard. And I may neither see you nor write to you?"

"As long as I am with Harold," she interjected, softly. "You know that Mrs. Willoughby has promised to write to you and keep you regularly informed as to my doings."

"Yes," he said, anxiously; "but do you suppose that I can be content with that when I believe that you are not safe with your husband?"

"If I find that Harold is not sincere," said Esther, decidedly, "I shall leave him. I give you my word as to that. Lillian is going to be with me, so I do not feel afraid. And you shall be told at once if anything serious happens."

"I suppose I must submit." Basil's eyes were heavy and troubled, his brow overcast. His leave-taking had lasted long, for it was now well after 4 o'clock, and any further delay was impossible. Lillian had consideately left the two young people together while she went upstairs to pack.

"I hate it," he said. "I cannot bear to go away like this. I shall fancy all sorts of evils menacing you. I was so happy this morning when I thought that you were going to make your escape—and now things are worse than ever. Oh, Esther,"—he clasped her hand in his—"promise me—promise me that you will take care of yourself. I am afraid of so many things. There is that horrible, insidious drug, which you yourself admit might have a fascinating for you if you were forced to take it—supposing"—

"Harold has promised me," cried Esther, "that he will not attempt to persuade me to the use of it. He would not—oh, I am sure he would not. And I"—she clasped her hands together—"if I could wean him from it! If I could see him again as he used to be! He is young, Basil, scarcely thirty—do you not think that there is a chance for him? You are a doctor; can you not tell me that he may be saved?"

"You love him, Esther," said the young man sadly, "and, hard though it hits me, I admire you all the more for the constancy of your love. It has been put to severe proof."

He paused and figured with his bicycle, as if to conceal his emotion from her. When he look up his face was clear again. "You ask me," he went on, "if I think there is any hope for him. You wish me to speak the truth, Esther, do you not?"

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Care must be taken that the ribbons are not long enough to interfere with the baby's feet, otherwise he will have some bad tumbles.

LATEST FRENCH COSTUMES FOR WOMEN AUTOMOBILISTS

Reproduced from the December number of "Motor," of New York.

These interesting outfits were worn by women visitors at a recent hill-climbing contest for automobiles at Gaillon, on the road between Paris and Rouen

Shall Good Old Santa Claus Be Abolished?

AS Christmas approaches and the children are anticipating more keenly day by day the joy of obtaining the treasures that good old St. Nicholas has for them in his pack, the chorus of protest against the idea of doing away with Santa Claus grows more emphatic.

The stream of letters from young and old boys and girls, who hope through the BOSTON AMERICAN to arouse public sentiment in favor of the jolly Saint, increases in volume.

More letters on the subject will be welcomed. They should be addressed to the Editor Woman's Page, BOSTON AMERICAN, 80-82 Summer street.

HAS BEEN A GOOD BOY ALL YEAR

Dear BOSTON AMERICAN:

Will you please print my letter through your BOSTON AMERICAN column, that I shall be very much obliged to you. Now it he sent me some nice Xmas presents, for I was a good boy in this year and the Xmas presents I want are this. "I want a double runner sled a pair of rubber boots and some nice playthings for my little sister Mary and a 8 months old and I am 9 years of age. My dear Santa Claus yours truly

WARREN LEE MAJOR.

65 Harrison avenue, Boston, Mass.

HIP BOOTS AND A SOLDIER SUIT

Dear Santa Claus:

I am a boy nine years old and I have a sister two years old. My brother and sister would like a rocking chair and I would like a pair of hip boots and a soldiers suit. I am a good boy and love Santa Claus every month. EUGENE SCHEIBEL.

No. 5 Bainbridge street, Roxbury, Mass.

"DON'T FORGET THE POOR CHILDREN"

Dear Santa Claus:

I want a jack knife and a fire team and a pair of great big boots. Please don't forget the poor children this year. Dear Santa Claus write to me. I am seven years old. RUSSEL DAVENPORT.

No. 26 Bradford street, Everett.

WANTS SOMETHING FOR SISTER, TOO

Dear Santa Claus:

I am a little boy and wish you would bring me a doll carriage and coast and please bring my little sister something, too.

N. O. D.

No. 13 Park avenue, Reading, Mass.

WANTS A SLED AND RUBBER BOOTS

Dear Santa Claus:

I love you very much. Please send me a sled and a pair of rubber boots. I am eight years old. Good-bye.

G. RUSSELL BROWN.

No. 172 Summer street, Plymouth, Mass.

NEEDS BOOTS TO GO TO SCHOOL

Dear Santa Claus:

I am a little boy 7 years old and I wish you would bring me a pair of Boots so that I can go to school in the winter. I do not promise you that I shall want you to Bring Me some toys too but want on to Bring Me some toys too but mama say you are very poor so I will have to take what you can get. Good night to me yours ever RUDOLPH FISHER.

No. 42 South S street, Tail River.

A DOLLY THAT CAN SHUT HER EYES

Dear Old St. Nick:

I am about to tell you what I want you to bring me for Xmas. Please bring me a nice dolly that can shut her eyes and say ma and pa, and a big carriage and a wash board, wringer, tub, ironing board, platter, rocking horse, playing horse, stove, table set of dishes and little clothes pins, carpet sweeper and a little trunk, and a little house and a horn Dear Santa Claus, I will borrow mamma's stocking and you will know it is for me, because mine is not big enough for all I asked for.

Please don't forget to stop on your way. From your little friend,

AGNES GILBERT.

In Grandpa's House, Leominster, Mass.

THE REAL SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS

Editor Woman's Page:

How many times I have heard this remark: "I am going to give my Christmas gifts this year. I cannot afford it, and I don't want any one to make me any."

You ought to be ashamed of it, if you have one dollar to spend, or even less. It plainly shows that Christmas means nothing to you. Perhaps you have become disgusted with the mercenary side of exchanging gifts. You feel, perhaps, you cannot give as valuable a gift as you have received. If this is the reason, don't let it trouble you, but get down to the real heart of Christmas, and set an example among your friends of a more simple, heartfelt manner of giving.

If you really cannot afford it, why not try vacuum cleaning, dish washing and write to your friends. There are friends that you meet in your daily walks of life, too busy to stop and realize how much you are to each other. You cannot give as you would like, but you can write a Christmas letter of good will and cheer.

Rob up the inner curtain of your heart and allow the sunshine to penetrate its depths. This will not take anything out of the pocketbook, but will make them more lasting pleasure than many dollars. I know a sweet woman whose pocketbook could not spare a dime, yet she made twenty-five friends happy by writing each a real, heartfelt letter. It really does not seem that you should ignore your friends at Christmas if you put pride in your pocket and have love in your heart.

Some think only useful presents should be given to the very needy. Well and good, but don't forget there is another side to human nature to be considered, that needs food as well as the body. Above the animal is the love of the beautiful that may be starving. Every one enjoys something pretty to look at of their very own, so to you give useful presents just add something pretty. FRANCES BROWN.

Boston.

CAN'T DRIVE SANTA CLAUS AWAY

Editor Woman's Page:

What do you think, dear editor, that old Santa Claus would be doing while folks were trying to banish him from the land where for so many years he has reigned as "Christmas King?" I imagine I can see him looking up in blank astonishment, with almost a sarcastic smile on his dear old bewhiskered face, and holding up his chubby hands as he says: "Oh, no, you can't drive me out from the hearts and homes of my boys and girls, for I'm their friend, and I have come to stay."

I'm a dry old Christmas it would be for the little ones, if dear old Santa Claus were not with us any more. The piano pudding, the nuts, candies, apples, oranges and even grandma's famous mince pies would lose their flavor if Santa Claus were not with us to enjoy the Christmas dinner with the rich and the poor boys and girls. Ah, no, you cannot drive the dear old fellow away, for he will live in the hearts of the American people until he is as old as Father Time."

And just as long as the world stands will he fulfil his mission of helping to remind the young and the old, the rich and the poor, that on that bright Christmas morning so long ago a priceless gift was given to save a sinful world.

And just as true as the star led the wise men to the lowly bed of our Saviour, so will Santa Claus, with the merry tinkling of his sleigh bells, help to lead the boys and girls to be sturdy, useful and thoughtful American citizens.

MRS. MINNIE DOCKHAM.

Lakeport, N. H.

STOVE AND A SET OF DISHES

Dear Santa Claus:

Will you please send me a stove and a set of dishes and a carriage and a doll, and I hope you will have a merry Xmas and a happy New Year from a little girl of seven years old. I hope he will all ways come and see me, for I do not want him to be shot silent, for he is a good man and I would feel very sorry if he did not come and see me and my two brothers, and we will be very pleased with him.

I hope you will put it in the paper and oblige me. A little girl

ROSIE MAY LUTER.

26 Elvie street, Lynn, Mass.

HE WOULD LIKE A MERRY-GO-ROUND

Dear Santa Claus:

I am a small flag. I want a stocking full of candy and a santa claus book and a set of tools and a merry go round.

I hope you wont send Santa Claus away because I would miss him so much. Good by.

VINCENT MORSE.

No. 241 Summer st., Pleasantdale, Me.

NEVER HAD CHRISTMAS PRESENT

Dear Santa Claus:

I never had a Christmas present in my lifetime; neither did my brothers and sisters. I would be satisfied if you would bring us each a present. We are six children. We wish you would bring the small cut child, Lizzie, a doll.

HELEN SMITH.

By Ella Wheeler Wilcox

Reasons for the Common Attitude of Men Toward Erring Women, Past and Present

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"WHY is it," asks a friend of this column, "that judges and juries almost invariably endeavor to acquit a woman criminal and endeavor, with just as much persistence, to convict a man accused of crime? A lawyer defending a woman lays great stress upon the fact that the jurors have mothers and sisters. But have they not also fathers and brothers? Why is a woman who deceives and misuses several men admirers less reprehensible in the eyes of the law than a man who wrongs a woman? I cannot understand this thing. Can you explain?"

It is not necessary to look far to find the explanation of man's mental attitude in such cases. My questioner (who seems from his penmanship to be a man) ought to look in his own heart for the answer. Man, since the beginning of history up to the last quarter of the last century, has been woman's ruler, teacher, guide, mentor and critic. It is he who has laid down the moral code for her, and it is he who has taught her to consider him superior in all things and all vocations, save that of childbearing.

It has been man's greatest mental recreation to cause the inferior, clinging and helpless qualities of woman.

The last quarter of a century, the last half of a century, in truth, has disturbed him somewhat in these reveries, but he still regards her with that protective and paternal feeling which is the result of mingled, inherent and acquired habits of thought.

Added to this he has the indisputable fact before his eyes of the physical handicap which Nature put upon woman in the way of penalties for wrong-doing—penalties which are at the same time her blessings when she treads the path of virtue and purity.

When woman is behaving herself, when she is ruling society in the home, and even interfering in man's domain in business, he for the time forgets her weakness, her helplessness and her handicaps and becomes her tempter and her critic. But when she is in trouble, the trouble that menaces reputation and life, he recalls all these conditions and is again her protector and defender.

However appearances and circumstantial evidence may be against her, he knows in his deepest heart that, as a rule, some man first took the woman's hand and led her toward the path of folly—that oft-times flower-hidden avenue to the dark road of crime.

It is the egotism, the vanity, the pity and the reverence in man's nature all combined which makes him so much more sympathetic toward a woman criminal than toward a sinner of his own sex.

It is quite true that were the life of many an immoral woman investigated it would be found that she made the first advance to the man who is her victim or paramour. There are women libertines and moral outlaws in the world.

Yet even then a just judge or jury realizes that the man knew what he was about when he responded to her advances and that he had less to sacrifice in the eyes of the world than the woman.

Being the stronger, fortified by nature and the laws of society, it behooved him not only to resist her advances but to try to put her into the path of rectitude, but he has been woful slow the same spirit toward woman at all times which they exhibit on the judge's bench and in the juror's box few women criminals would be brought before them.

Hundreds of men forget that they have mothers and sisters when they tempt innocent women, acquaintances and employees into folly, but they remember the relationship of the hardened criminal to their dear ones.

It is a peculiar fact that while man will do all in his power to defend a woman of blemished reputation when her life is in danger, he will object to have the good women of his family champion her cause.

They may express sympathy, but they must not give personal strength in consolation.

Woman is rapidly pushing herself to a position where man will regard her with less consideration in her time of trial.

The fact is already shown in public conveyances, where he is no longer solicitous for her comfort and health.

One man gives a woman a seat now in a crowded car, where a few years hundred sprang to their feet twenty years ago.

One day will come, I doubt not, when partiality of which my questioner complains will no longer manifest itself.

ELLA WHEELER WILCOX.

Advice to the Lovelorn

By Beatrice Fairfax

DEAR MISS FAIRFAX:

I am a young girl of eighteen, and in love with a young man of twenty-one; but my folks do not like me to go with him. They think I am too young to go with a fellow, and so. Miss Fairfax, will you please give me your advice. Shall I give him up, as my folks want me to, or shall I still go on as I am doing? F. B.

Providence.

UNLESS you feel that you cannot give him up, I think I should do as your people wish. You are young and will meet a great many young men in the next few years. There is no reason why you shouldn't retain this young man as a friend. I do not think your parents would object to that, but do not let it be understood that you are keeping company with him. It is generally safe to be guided by the wishes of our parents because they have our best interests at heart and are only doing that which they believe will insure us a life of happiness.

DEAR MISS FAIRFAX:

I am a young girl of nineteen and am deeply in love with a gentleman of twenty-two years. We have been keeping company for three years, and in that time we did not have one quarrel. A few weeks ago he became acquainted with a young lady, and ever since that time he has been very cool towards me. Do you think he has ceased to care for, or is simply infatuated with a new face? Please tell me what you think I ought to do.

WAITING.

Boston.

IF the young man truly loved you, I do not think he would have acted as he has. I should do nothing, however, toward bringing him back to you. In fact, I should try to put him out of my mind altogether. Whatever advances are to be made, let them come from him. I think that, as you say, he is merely infatuated with this new face and will soon come to you and beg forgiveness. If that time comes, you must be the judge as well as the lover to take him to or not. It will depend entirely upon whether you still care for him in the same way.

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DEAR MISS LEHR:

Will you please give me a formula for a rouge, as my complexion is very poor? H. C.

WHILE I shall comply with your request for a formula for rouge, I cannot too strongly urge against this baleful practice of painting and ask you to devote yourself sedulously to the cultivation of a naturally beautiful skin. Of course such a task will be a difficult one, but the longer the habit of painting is kept up the harder it will be, for the constant use of the injurious substances which enter into these compounds will result in a skin that in youth is more drawn, wrinkled and sallow than it would be in extreme age if given hygienic care.

Pure brandy, one pint; red sandalwood, one-quarter ounce; one-half ounce; benzoin, one-half ounce; brazilwood, one-half ounce.

Put all together in a bottle, cork tightly; agitate occasionally; allow a day and after ten days or longer decant and use.

This is said to defy detection when applied lightly to the cheeks, but of course it is necessary to tone up the adjacent features to harmonize. A touch of rouge is needed on the nostrils, and if the nose be large a very little on the sides will lessen its prominence. The chin and lobes and edges of the ears should also be touched up very delicately and in a rotary motion, which makes streaks impossible.

One thing bear well in mind. The skin must be rubbed with pure white vaseline, cold cream or oil before any powder or rouge is applied, as it protects the skin in a degree from the injurious effects.

"WAY DOWN EAST" TO RIVAL "OLD HOMESTEAD"

THE "ANNA MOORE" OF "WAY DOWN EAST."

Reason for Their Continued Popularity Is That They Touch Hearers' Hearts.

By Henry L. Merritt.

"WAY DOWN EAST" is in its eighth season. "The Old Homestead" is in its eighteenth. The Empire play now at the Boston seems likely to last just as long as the other, and, apparently, the only advantage that the older play has is that it was born first.

"Why is 'Way Down East' still popular in its eighth season, and why is the other play in its eighteenth? Why is it that they go on playing to crowded houses for year after year, when so many other plays, and good ones, too, fall by the wayside after a season or two? No price is offered for the answer, though doubtless there is many a theatrical manager who would be grateful for any secret inside information that he could rely on. It is not just because they are "country plays." Country plays come and go, while there are two much likely to go on forever, like the celebrated brook.

It is problem, and the solving of it is rendered the more difficult, because "Way Down East" and "The Old Homestead" are like each other only in their faithful portrayal of familiar country types and scenes. "Way Down East" has a strong dramatic story, which "The Old Homestead" has not. "The Old Homestead" has Denman Joshua Whitcomb, which "Way Down East" has not.

Appeal to the Heart.

The key to the long life of both is probably to be found in the fact that they both make a successful appeal to the heart. "The Old Homestead" revives old memories, seen pleasantly through the mists of years. "Way Down East" portrays life where life is simple and wins your sympathetic interest for the people of its story. Both make their appeal to the great mass of the people, those who go to the theatre regularly and those who go but seldom, and people of all tastes, while the classes do up, meet on a common ground. Everybody goes to see them and then goes again next year.

"Way Down East" is worth seeing, even if it is in its eighth season, and it will be worth seeing for a good many seasons yet. It presents a vivid picture of country life and of country people, with all their good as well as their less attractive qualities. The relations of people in a country village, their attitudes toward one another, their feelings, their goods, their neighborliness, are suggested without the elaboration which would spell tediousness. Their warm hearts and their broad hospitality are shown, while the little prejudices and narrow views of life that so often obtain in small places are there and make possible the story of the play.

The story of "Way Down East" is familiar to everyone. Those who have never seen the play, and you will find one here and there, have read the story. And the story is the main feature of "Way Down East." The farmhouse and the rural stage pictures are merely a setting. The plot is strong and consistent, and is logically developed from its beginning to its end. "Way Down East" is as much a problem play, in its way, as is anything Pinero or Henry Arthur Jones ever wrote, and its problem is of vital interest to a great many more people, while its solution is as human in its heart.

Same "Anna Moore."

Phoebe Davies is still the Anna Moore of "Way Down East." She has played the role since the first performance and the play would seem strange without her. Her warmly sympathetic impersonation is one of the most delightful the stage has known, while the contained power with which she carries the scene at the end of the third act is evidence of unusual emotional ability. From her first entrance to the close of the play she gives an exquisite performance.

The others in the cast are nearly all old friends, too. One misses dear old Sara Stevens, but her successor as motherly Mrs. Bartlett plays sympathetically and well. Robert A. Fisher is still the Squire Bartlett, the best show the original, the late Odell Williams. Fitz R. Collins is again the Josiah. He is virile and manly, and portrays the country youth without exaggerating a mark. Ella Hugh Wood is still the Martha Perkins and J. H. Haney still the Seth Holcomb, with his "long life letter" and rheumatism.

The production this year is even more elaborate than before and the blizzard is as realistic as ever. That the show is kept up-to-date may be seen by the curtain siness from a local paper dropped by Hi Holler:

Squire Augustus Bartlett has had his house painted and it now presents a very handsome appearance. The Squire has also been busy buying some sheep.

Doc Wiggins took the choir out in the big sleigh twice last week. The new spot of blacks is a beauty.

Babe Whipple, the efficient town constable, was presented with a new badge last Tuesday. Babe always "has his eye on someone."

SOCIETY BUSY DESPITE XMAS WEEK DUTIES

By Billie Beacon.

T. O'Donnell Hillen, a recent Harvard graduate and a familiar figure in society here for the last three years, and Miss Eleanor Addison Moale, are to be married Dec. 21. Miss Moale is the only daughter of Dr. William A. Moale. Their home is in Baltimore, where Mr. Hillen also lives. Part of their honeymoon will be spent in Boston.

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Miss Eleanora Sears has returned from Philadelphia, where she was the guest of Miss Elizabeth Sturgis Potter. The largest function given in her honor was a luncheon. In the evening there was an informal dance.

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In Milan, Italy, where the George E. Cooks are settled for the Winter, they are entertaining quite generally. Their hospitality is Casa Rosa Villa, is the scene of many society events. At present they have a party of friends from London, Mr. Cook is devoting much of his time to painting. Their stay abroad will be indefinite. They have rented their Newbury street house for two years.

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Among the Christmas absentees will be Mrs. E. R. Shippen of Dorchester and her two children, who left Saturday for Washington, where they will spend the holidays with her parents, Colonel and Mrs. Henry F. Blount, of the Oaks, Georgetown.

After the Rev. Mr. Shippen delivers his Christmas sermon at his church on Meeting House Hill, he will join his family at Mrs. Shippen will remain in Washington for several weeks, but her husband will return home after a week or so.

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The Robert M. Burnetts are to have a Yuletide gathering at their home in Southboro, to which a large number of their relatives will be asked. This Christmas family party will be their first affair at their South Shore place, for soon after the holiday season they are to move into the city. They will be at the Victoria.

MLLE. PARKINA, NEW SOPRANO, MAKES HIT

By Kent Perkins.

Mlle. Parkina, the young soprano, whose birthplace was Kansas City, Mo., and who has been acclaimed as a protege of Mme. Melba, made her American debut last night at a concert given for the benefit of the Musicians' Aid Society, in Symphony Hall, and scored a pronounced success. The young lady, whose Kansas City name is Miss Elizabeth Parkinson, and who adopted "Parkina" for prima donna purposes on the advice of Melba, has studied for several years with Mme. Marchesi in Paris, has sung with marked success in the French capital and in London, and will sing at Covent Garden next season.

She has a distinctly beautiful voice, perfectly in the higher notes, and has profited largely by her Parisian training. Her technical skill is remarkable for one so young, and her trills in the upper register are so suggestive of the "bird notes" of Melba's throat that in Paris she was called the "Little Melba."

With youth, beauty, a pleasing, natural girlish manner and talent that has been developed by the best masters, and her voice a future seems bright, indeed.

She was a bit nervous in her first selection, the "Arioso al" from "Lucia," which Melba herself sang here only a week before, but approaching the dral trying passages with just a tribe of hesitation and a slight uncertainty. But this soon passed away. She quickly gained complete self-confidence and it was seen then that her voice not only was one of great natural charm and purity of tone, but also was equal to severe demands on it was firm and true. In a pretty ballad that she sang in response to an encore she exhibited fine delicacy and daintiness of expression. Mr. Nortis, of the Melba company, furnished a pleasing flute obligato for the aria, while Miss Davies, of the same organization, was at the piano.

Mlle. Parkina's second number was Dell' Acqua's laughter." Miss Davies at the piano and Signorina Sassoli at the harp assisting her. With all traces of nervousness gone, the young singer took advantage of the greater opportunities for varying expression which this selection afforded, and it was seen that her voice possessed a fine fund of sympathy and adaptability to varying moods. Wider experience and many years will doubtless give added depth and fullness which youth cannot be expected to possess.

Mlle. Parkina responded graciously to another recall and again sang charmingly.

Besides the three assisting artists already mentioned, Mr. Van Hoose and M. Gilbert, also of the Melba company, sang. M. Gilbert caused special enthusiasm by his magnificent singing of the "Toreador" song from "Tannhauser." Both gentlemen gave extra selections in response to recalls.

Signorina Sassoli played two harp numbers charmingly and with her well-known deftness of execution and beauty of expression.

TAKES HER SON FROM HUSBAND

ATTOL, Dec. 14.—Mrs. Katherine Buck, wife of H. D. Buck, the Athol lawyer who left Athol a year ago, has secured possession of their nine-year-old son. Reaching the up to a week ago was at the home of Mrs. Buck's parents in Lisbon, Conn., Mrs. Buck went to the latter place and took the boy out of school. Attorney Buck is suing for divorce. The boy is now with his mother.

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NEWS OF THE THEATRES

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Viola Daly, who plays Cora Melon in "Piff, Paff, Pouf" at the Majestic, is one of the cleverest members of the Daly family. She is a Boston girl, but has studied and danced abroad, and for a year was next prima donna at the Alhambra in London.

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W. H. Crompton, whose remarkable performance of Polonious in "Hamlet" has been the occasion of so much favorable comment, is one of the few actors of the old school who have kept their work in harmony with modern methods. He was for several years a member of the Empire Theatre Stock Company in New York. He is a very fine reader and a finished and sympathetic actor.

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James K. Hackett will come to the Tremont at the departure of "The County Chairman" to present his new play, "The Fortunes of the King," which has just been produced with success at the Lyric Theatre in New York.

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Harris and Sidman succeed in nearly fooling the audiences at the Globe Theatre this week into the belief that they are really Weber and Fields. They look like Weber and Fields and act like Weber and Fields, and are really the cleverest of the imitators of those two comedians who have yet appeared.

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The large oil painting of Lochat that is used in the second act of "Business Is Business" is the work of a New York artist, S. J. Woolf. The painting will be in massive gilt frame, weighs nearly 200 pounds, and the stage has to be strongly braced to support it. It is one of the many "properties" which have been used in a play.

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The rumor that Amelia Bingham wanted a new play has caused an inundation of manuscripts upon the popular actress. She has received quite a number since she has been in this city, and is making a determined effort to read them all. As yet she has found nothing in any way suited to her needs, so if you have a play by yourself send it along.

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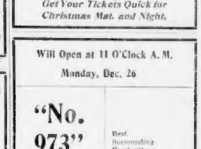

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The Time for Legal Clubbing Has Gone By

Government Will Never Cure WIFE Beating by Making Itself a MAN Beater

One of the interesting personal peculiarities in Mr. Roosevelt's message—an admirable document as a whole—was the curious recommendation FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES that the law should punish wife beaters by beating THEM.

Mr. Roosevelt thinks that if a man clubs his wife, the Government —which stands for justice, self-control and the development of intellect —SHOULD CLUB THE MAN.

Mr. Roosevelt's sentiment, of course, does credit to his good heart. If he saw a man beating his wife he would instantly beat the man—any other man would do the same, or at least try to do it.

But government represents the effort of humanity to reach, through UNITED wisdom, the balance, self-control and sense of justice that are as yet impossible to the individual.

The man that clubs his wife deserves to be clubbed, undoubtedly.

But government does NOT deserve to be made into a clubbing machine.

In a savage country, if they had a President, and if one of the cannibal citizens ate his own baby, the President would undoubtedly say: "I recommend that if a man eats his baby the Congress eat him."

That would be all right among those that like to eat human flesh. But in our country the Congress would say: "The man DESERVES to be eaten, but we don't WANT to eat him. We don't like that."

Similarly the real spirit of progress in government says: "The clubber DESERVES to be clubbed, but we don't WANT to club him. And what WE don't want to do we are not going to compel some OTHER man to do."

Mr. Roosevelt, who has written many histories—more, perhaps, than he has read (he has written a good many, anyhow)—must know that the club has had a fair trial in the world's history.

When they hanged a man for stealing a sheep, it didn't stop sheep stealing. But when, in the course of time, they arranged things so that the man who was willing to work did not need to steal sheep, sheep stealing fell off.

The man who clubs his wife is a poor, debased, ignorant savage. If you want to make him more savage, if you want to sink him still lower—if possible—take away his club and club him with it. When you do so you justify him in his reasoning. He will say to himself: "When I am angry at my wife or anybody else I use a club. Evidently it is the proper thing to do, for when THE GOVERNMENT, with the great Roosevelt at its head, gets angry at me, IT uses a club."

Mr. Roosevelt says truly that putting the wife beater in jail and leaving his family in want is foolish.

It is VERY foolish. It is also foolish to put the drunkard in jail for ten days and have his family dispossessed because he cannot earn money. That happens every week, in every big city—perhaps every day.

How would it do to spend a little MONEY intelligently—to use a little BRAIN instead of a large club on the problem?

Why not put the wife beater in jail and then compel him TO WORK HARD! Give him fair, GENEROUS pay for his work—it would not ruin the nation; we are not ALL wife beaters.

Put the wife beater in jail for a good long time, make him WORK, allow him EXTREMELY GOOD WAGES, AND GIVE THAT MONEY TO HIS WIFE.

That would make the wife beater feel that wife-beating does not PAY. It would give the poor, miserable wives courage to free their bodies from the brutes that beat them. They dare not do it now, because they cannot bear to see their children hungry.

If you set up a nice, large post and buy a cutting whip to lash a wife beater, you may get personal satisfaction when you see him quiver, you may like the red marks on his back. But while you are beating him you may be sure that his wife is kneeling at your hands a worse beating than her husband ever gave her. Perhaps it is just as well to think a little about the wife, since we are so much worried about her and so indignant about her bruises.

Do you think she wants to see her children's father stripped and lashed in public? Don't you KNOW that she would hate the disgrace for them, and look forward with terror to the vengeance that he would wreak on her?

In Nuremburg, and in other places, they have fine collections of whips, thumbscrews, racks, etc. The United States can afford to put the whipping post and the lash among the collection of antiquated tools. The scooner it sends the electric chair, and the gallows also, to the museum for curiosities, the better it will be.

Is it worth while to have spent sixty thousand years cultivating the human mind, if men are to solve their problems now by pulling a branch off a tree and whaling each other, like two gorillas down in the Gaboon country?

Just Another Word for Good Old Santa Claus

The question of retiring Santa Claus is a monstrous one. As soon talk of retiring the sunshine, the flowers and the singing birds.

Gloomy would this world be without the red-faced, jolly-hearted old fellow who, for generations upon generations, has been coming once a year to make the children glad. And yet they call him a "myth."

It is true that but few have ever laid eyes on Santa Claus. There are those who claim that he has never been seen. But what of it? All the great things are invisible—love, and joy, and hope, and courage, and life itself.

A fact is not necessarily something that we can see and take hold of and measure with the foot rule, or put on the scales and weigh like a bale of hay or a load of coal.

Santa Claus is real in the same sense that we are—he is a spirit, a presence, a power, an influence, which is all that the rest of us are.

The only trouble is, too many of us are getting to be so materialized and mercenary we cannot appreciate the noble old fellow.

A noble old fellow he certainly is. Good natured he is, to a fault. No one of the privileged few who have been fortunate enough to lay eyes upon him ever saw a scowl upon his grow. He is always happy—because he is always thinking of making others happy.

His unselfishness is absolute, his generosity is unbounded, and to make even one little child glad he would go to the ends of the earth.

He believes that happiness is the greatest thing in the world, and when he starts out on Christmas eve to scatter this blessing around among the children nothing can daunt or discourage him.

The disappearance of the big, wide chimneys and ample fireplaces makes lots of trouble for him, but he always manages somehow to be on hand with the presents that shall make the little folks happy. If he cannot slip down the chimney he will climb off the fire escape—any way to make the children glad.

And is it not monstrous, even infamous, that as his reward for such unselfish generosity Santa Claus should receive such continuely and reproach as is being heaped upon him in certain quarters?

He has heard of the disposition, felt in some minds, to speak of him with flippant credulity and disrespect, and, lolly as he is by nature, it pained him feel anything but happy.

We ought to be ashamed of ourselves. We owe the grand old fellow an immediate apology.

Santa Claus is the best friend that the children have on earth. Let us not poison their minds against him with ugly insinuations as to his mythical character.

They know nothing about "myths" —but they do know Santa Claus. Later on they will become "wise"—the present permit them to be happy.

WOULDN'T IT BE GREAT!

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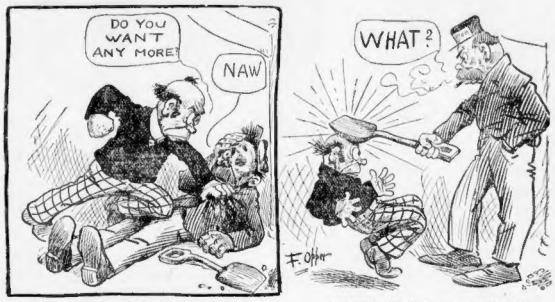
1—When you had rebuked the janitor of your flat

2—And he had replied insolently, and you had decided to thrash him.



3—If it came out like this—

4—Instead of like this? Gee! WOULDN'T it be great?

MR. E. Z. MARK REWARDS KINDNESS

1—TIMOTHY TOILNOT—Ah! Some mischievous boys have made this sign and cast it away. Perhaps yours frail can utilize it. Ha! Here comes a likely party, I will try it on him.

2—TIMOTHY TOILNOT—Pray, excuse me, sir, until I have removed this highly touristic sign some mischievous boys have placed upon your back. Ah! That is it.

3—TIMOTHY TOILNOT—Surely, a beastly outrage, sir.
MR. E. Z.—Well, I should say so. Here is $5 for smart kindness, my boy. Had it not been for you I would have been the laughing stock of the whole place. Many thanks.

4—MR. E. Z.—Dear me! What a narrow escape. My dignity might have been irretrievably ruined. A poor but kindly man that
TIMOTHY TOILNOT—Nor, tell me, WHY should I work?

TROUBLE BRUIN

AREN'T YOU AFRAID YOUR LITTLE GIRL WILL FALL?
GRACIE DARLING DON'T GO THAT YOU MIGHT FALL DEAR
GOODNESS THAT CHILD WILL SURELY FALL!
LANDSAKES AREN'T YOU NERVOUS!
IT MAKES ME SHAKE, TO LOOK AT HER
O SHE WON'T FALL!
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Oh, No! The Little Darling Couldn't Fall!

By The Stenographer

A MAN'S EYES INDICATE NO MORE CLEARLY HIS SPIRITUAL NATURE THAN DO HIS FEET

"JESSE," remarked the Stenographer, then, "that in selecting the jury that was to try her, Nan Patterson said she was guided by the eyes of the talesmen. If they looked at her fairly and squarely, without shifting their gaze, she felt that they would deal honestly and justly with her."

"Rats!" exclaimed the Bookkeeper. "Don't you believe that you can judge of a mans honesty by the way he looks you in the eyes?" asked the Stenographer.

"Forget it!" cried the Bookkeeper. "Being able to look an individual in the eye is a matter of nerve, an't not of conscience, and it no more tips you off to his honesty than the color of his necktie does.

"I've known men who were as square as a box, and yet were so bashful and so easily embarrassed that they couldn't have looked a canary bird in the face and I've known other men who would nail you with their candid glance until you squirmed, and who were such thieves that they would steal the gold out of your back teeth while you talked to them."

"I always trust people who look me in the eye while they talk to me," insisted the Stenographer.

"Well, you'll get socked good and plenty if you do," replied the Bookkeeper. "The more a man is crooked, the more he has to put up a good front. The earmarks of honesty are a grafter's stock in trade, and for my part, whenever a man fixes me with his eagle eye and bores a hole through me while I converse with him, I always get a strangle hold on my pocketbook. He's playing up the look-you-in-the-eye game too strong."

"Don't you think you can tell anything from the eye?" inquired the Stenographer.

"Oh, yes," responded the Bookkeeper; "you can generally tell when a man's been hitting up the booze too hard and when he's been in a fight."

"But I mean as an indication of character," persisted the Stenographer.

"There's nothing in it," declared the Bookkeeper. "You are born with a certain sort of eyes, and they are no more indications of the line of spiritual goods you carry than your feet. If a man has large, dark, dreamy eyes, it is just as liable to be a sign that he sells spaghetti as that he is a poet.

"And blue eyes are just as much of a false alarm when it comes to sizing up an individual. A fellow with pale-blue, watery eyes wouldn't be any high when it came to looking love. If he's got any soul in his eyes, as the novelists say it would take an oculist to find it, and yet when it comes to handling out devotion that's the real, red-hot stuff, the skim milk-eyed dub can put the Romeos with the speaking gaze into the piker class."

"Can a woman believe what a man's eyes say to her?" asked the Stenographer.

"Well," replied the Bookkeeper, "a woman has just as good a right to trust a man's eyes as he has hers."

BELLE BLITZ.

"I always get a strangle hold on my pocketbook."

"A woman has just as good a right to trust a man's eyes as he has hers."

Frenzied Poetry

By W. J. Sullivan

Sing a song of Frenzy,
Two critics full of guff,
Gentlemen with knives out
Hurling verbal snuff.

Sing a heetle ditty—
Copper riveted;
Gentlemen with knives out
Crawl beneath the bed.

A very bad man blew in from the West;
In all Arizona his gun was the best;
His belchings were frequent
He bark was a roar,
And the nickels that showed
On the butt numbered four.

His eye in fine frenzy rolled hither and yon;
And brave the pour mortals it rested upon;
He swore like a swashbuckler
Thirsting for gore—
A swift, sizzling cyclone
Which would not be tore.

A very bad man in the City of Brains
Heard echoes of these wild and woolly weird strains;
He heard that the cowboy
Had boasted with glee
That daily he swallowed
Of blood buckets three.

"Ho, Ho! Is that so? Can this story be true?
Well, just have a swift diagnosis or two!"

Purred bad, bristling Boston,
Rebelling his knife:
"Sdeath! For the warpath!
Now fire for your life!

"In all the wide world there is never a man
(Excepting himself) who at one sitting can
Turn off three full buckets
Of sparkling RED-EYE—
Prepare for the test, or
Your name'll be Mud!"

Alas for the fame of the Gun from the West!
Alack for the Knife that caused Boston unrest!
The bad men they met and
The country grew pale
Instead of BULLDU
They consumed a cocktail!

Little Editorials from the People

HISTORY AND THE CASE OF THE ALABAMA

Editor BOSTON AMERICAN:

Referring to Mr. Joseph Kelly's letter in your paper on Irish affairs, I should like to say a few words on that interesting subject, as I have spent some time in that country and have most pleasant recollections of it. In the first place, the sworn evidence at the inquiry recently held in Dublin, and the lively times were up Lough Foyle, other boats there. Secondly, the Alabama was not built by the Government, but by a business firm, and directly the evidence of its character was brought officially to the attention of the Government steps were taken to prevent it leaving the Mersey, when steps would have been successful but for the delay caused by the sudden and serious illness of the head official, the Queen's advocate, Sir Robert Harding, whose duty it was to draft the writ. Thirdly, it was not the question of slavery was not the issue of the war, but that of State sovereignty, on which there was a great difference of opinion, some of Mr. Kelly's countrymen who had taken part in the '45 insurrection taking the side of the South.

To deal with Mr. Flanagan's letter: He writes as though there were no religious, or, rather, theological, difficulty in Ireland. That has been the only difficulty from the time of James, namely, that the priests have wanted control of the schools.

Roxbury. JAMES G. RUSSELL.

HOW FOOD SUSTAINS BODY

Editor BOSTON AMERICAN:

The editor of Hearst's BOSTON AMERICAN writes some such excellent, intelligent and kindly editorials, and with such well-evidenced educational intentions, that we regret to have to differ with him at times. In his article of the 14th inst., entitled "The Human Body Is an Electrical Machine," we read the following statement: "The food that we eat is simply intended to replace worn out material." It would take up too much time and space to explain to the learned editor the reasons why, in spite of "experience," textbooks or physiology, chemistry, medicine, etc., we have arrived at the conclusions advanced above, and would respectfully say that, in our opinion, the food is "intended to replace" no such thing. The food simply chemically decomposes in the stomach, gives off force and energy. This chemical decomposition commences the moment the food arrives in the stomach, continues in the chyme, in the chyle, through the circulatory system, even to the ends of the remotest capillaries, continuing back along even to the natural excretions that are ejected from the body.

In my opinion the normal life principle has the power to create its own necessities, as far as I see it, merely as the result of the energy or stimulus or excitant, or whatever it is arising from the chemical decomposition of the food which we eat. The brain is the storehouse of this energy.

HARRY ST. JOHN MIDDLETON.

P. S.—Hope the editor will not object to us setting up thinking on our own account.